



Class L J 145

Book A 6 5 L 8

PRESENTED BY

1923

copy 2

HISTORY OF ALPHA XI DELTA FRATERNITY

(1893-1923)

By

HELEN WILLIS LYNN

The Collegiate Press
GEORGE BANTA PUBLISHING CO.
MENASHA, WIS.

Copy 2

LJ145
.A65L8
1923
copy 2

1924
1923

Copyright 1923 by
ALPHA XI DELTA FRATERNITY

Gift-
Miss Irene Allen, Custodian
of the History.
D. 31, 1924

E. G. B. M. W. 11. 24

HISTORY OF THE ALPHA XI DELTA
FRATERNITY

“For what does Alpha Xi Delta stand? Briefly this: for sincere development of character, for high standard of scholarship, for wholehearted interest in college affairs, for right living in our chapter-houses that health, peace and harmony may prevail, and for wholesome social life above reproach or criticism.”

ANNA MILLER KNOTE.

Inspector's Report—1918.

PREFACE

THE publication of a fraternity history, like every other fraternal undertaking, is dependent for its success upon the co-operation of many people. The help given me by the associate editors, Esther Dunning, Upsilon, Fern Falloon, Pi, and Margaret Ferris, Theta, has been most valuable.

They join with me in thanking the chapter secretaries, both college and alumnæ, and the many members who have answered our inquiries and aided us in securing accurate and interesting information.

In addition to receiving kindly help from each of our founders, I am deeply indebted to Cora Bollinger-Block, Alpha, and to Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta, for the reading of manuscript and the many helpful suggestions each offered.

I wish to acknowledge also my debt to the Charles H. Elliot Company of Philadelphia for the heraldic description of the coat-of-arms. My thanks are due to Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha; Lela Pape-Caris, Beta; Dorothy Peck, Gamma; Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta; Mary Rayne, Theta; Calla Andrus, Theta; Lulu Runge, Theta; Myrtle Coker-Combe, Kappa; Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu; Anna Wallis, Xi; M. Olive Johnson, Omicron; Eileen Kengla, Omicron; Key Wenrick, Pi; Mary Kinnavey, Sigma; Ethelyn Yount-Weida, Sigma; and Flora Olnhausen, Psi.

HELEN WILLIS LYNN.

Chicago, Illinois.

July 1, 1923.

INTRODUCTION

TO THOSE of us who have once stood within the charmed circle of white-robed girlhood, touched with a mystic beauty by flickering candle-light and fragrant with roses, as we waited with tremulous hearts for the words which would make us sisters in that fair company, Alpha Xi Delta has a deep significance. In all the experiences life may hold for us, never again can we be more deeply stirred than by that first electric thrill of sisterhood. And we know in our hearts that magic circle can never be broken—though some are scattered to the ends of the earth and some have gone across the great divide. Age, occupation, distance and environment have no influence on our friendships in the fraternity. In the problems of maturity we may forget for a time, but when we come face to face with one who has stood with us in that dear company, the flame that has burned low leaps up into new life and vigor and we know once more the youth that is eternal. By its magic charm our troubles are dispelled. We are young things again in a young, young world where great adventures lie waiting and a college fraternity is of the highest importance.

For Alpha Xi Delta is the spirit of youth incarnate. It is woven of that bright stuff we call the dreams of youth. It is rich in that unselfishness of youth which dares great things wholeheartedly. It is impetuous youth, glowing and keen for love and joy and high endeavor. It is ingenuous youth that always hopes and never despairs. It is youth that sees the thought in the heart of the rose—and forgets the thorns. Let those who have never known the joys and sorrows of a college fraternity decry the trite maxims of our happy clan or ridicule its lofty ritual. Youth must have the ways of youth and of that drab common-sense which age and experience bring it has no need.

When we think of the sincere and lasting friendships that have sprung from even one college chapter, and then multiply by hundreds, we begin to realize the full power of Alpha Xi Delta. How many timid sisters have been sustained and encouraged by that love and affection, how many self-centered girls have been taught to think for others, and how many gifted ones have been urged forward to greater endeavor by the admiration of their little, intimate group. How many a great sorrow has grown less in their sweet sympathy, and how many of those lesser griefs, which sometimes loom too large, have been dispelled by their friendly laughter. Indeed it is a pleasant thought that for so many years for hundreds of eager young girls the world has been a happier and more wholesome place because of Alpha Xi Delta.

Our fraternity has never lacked for loyal and enthusiastic members, but far too few of them have known how much there is in the history of Alpha Xi Delta to justify their love and pride. Their knowledge has too often been bounded by the local chapter and the organization as a whole has been quite unknown to them. It is this need which the present volume, compiled with so much loving thought and care, hopes to serve. Through the pages of this history even the youngest of our sisters can come to know the aspirations of the founders and the high hopes of all those who have worked so unselfishly to develop the large and efficient organization of to-day. She will learn the personalities of the various chapters as each in its environment has developed an atmosphere and a spirit of its own. And she will learn that beyond the magic circle of her own small group is that far wider circle—reaching indeed to the ends of the earth—of all those hundreds of earnest young women who have become members of Alpha Xi Delta since the day of its beginning. And knowing the achievements of her fraternity in the past she can set forward with the happy eagerness of youth to build its structure for the future.

For the story of Alpha Xi Delta is but begun. Like youth itself it must be ever growing and ever striving with all its heart to express its vague young dreams.

May we never frown upon these ardent sisters of to-day—this day is theirs and our fraternity is theirs to do with as they will—for thus they, too, will have their part in weaving this glowing fabric of our dreams and will make it their heritage to the young lives of to-morrow.

MARY MEEK ATKESON, *Iota*.

CONTENTS

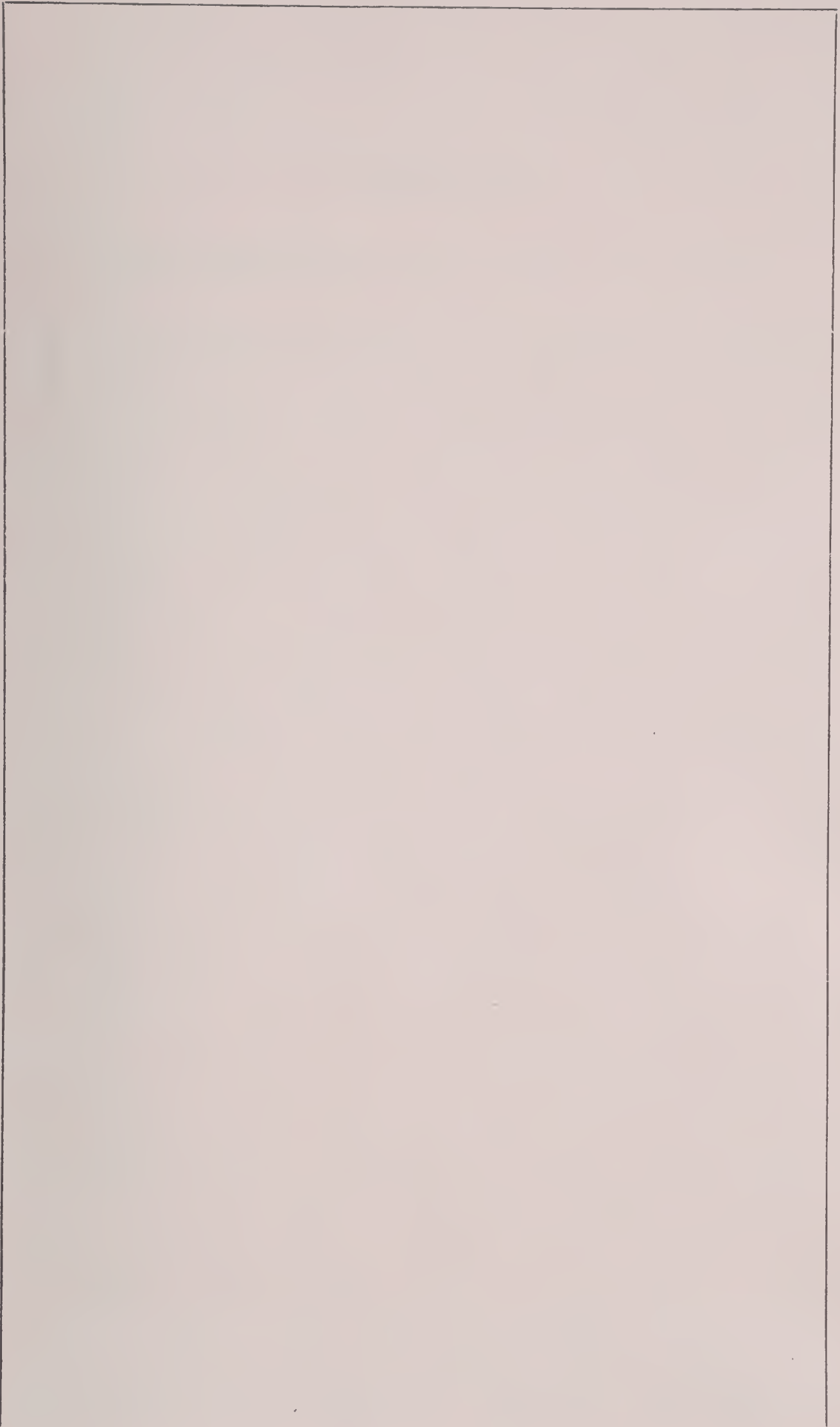
<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Page</i>
Preface	V
Introduction	VII
I. The Founding of Alpha Xi Delta.....	1
II. Our Founders	6
III. Early Days	27
IV. The College Chapters.....	34
V. Chapter-House Ownership.....	146
VI. The Alumnæ Chapters.....	168
VII. Insignia and Heraldry.....	194
VIII. Organization and Government.....	200
IX. National Conventions	208
X. The National Panhellenic Congress.....	253
XI. Fraternity Examinations.....	267
XII. The Alpha Xi Delta, Directory and The Quill	271
XIII. The Song Book.....	282
XIV. The History.....	286
XV. National Scholarship Fund	290
XVI. The Honor Ring.....	293
XVII. Alpha Xi Delta European Trip.....	303
XVIII. Alpha Xi Delta in the World War.....	309
XIX. National Customs.....	335
XX. The Gifts of Alpha Xi Delta.....	339
XXI. National Officers.....	344
XXII. Interesting Alumnæ.....	368



THE FOUNDERS OF ALPHA XI DELTA

Top row, left to right: Frances Cheney, Eliza Curtis-Everton, Alice Bartlett-Bruner, Louie Strong-Taylor, Harriet Luella McCollum.

Lower row: Maude Foster, Bertha Cook-Evans, Lucy Gilmer, Cora Bollinger-Block, Almira Cheney.



CHAPTER I

THE FOUNDING OF ALPHA XI DELTA

LOMBARD COLLEGE is the realization of the desire of a few men that their sons and daughters might have a liberal education and be surrounded by the influence of the Universalist faith while they were securing it. Such plans were first made in 1850, but it was not until 1852 that the Illinois Liberal Institute, in Galesburg, Illinois, first opened its doors—receiving sixty students. For three years the Institute prospered and then fire swept the buildings, burning them to the ground. Dr. P. R. Kendall, who had served as president of the Institute since its opening, saw in the ruins the hope of a college. The gift of twenty thousand dollars and the site of the present campus, received from Benjamin Lombard, made possible the realization of that hope. When the institution again opened it was under the name of Lombard University, in recognition of the generosity which had made possible its enlarged field of service. Many years later a second change was made in its name, the word college replacing university.

From the beginning of its existence Lombard University was coeducational, offering its opportunities to women as well as to men. In 1873 I. C. Sorosis, later Pi Beta Phi, was permitted to install a chapter of its organization and the fraternity system entered Lombard University. Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu also installed chapters, but for twenty years Pi Beta Phi remained the only women's fraternity in this field.

The adaption of the fraternity system to the needs of women students came almost immediately after the general admittance of women students into the colleges and universities of the country. Admitted and tolerated,

their presence was scarcely welcome and no provision was made in the college routine for their social life. Out of real necessity these first women students organized themselves into various groups, each of which supplied to its own members the great encouragement of sympathetic, interested friendships and relieved their lives of depressing lonesomeness. The united strength of the organizations made possible what their members could never have accomplished individually—the readjustment of the social side of college life until women students held an accepted and recognized place in it.

Born as the fraternities were, in response to the need of their individual members and having all they could do in the early years of their existence to supply those needs, a self-centered attitude unconsciously became traditional with many chapters. After a time the early needs which they had so splendidly served ceased to exist because of the friendlier attitude toward women students on the part of the college communities. The fraternities, seeming not to realize this change and oblivious of the rest of the student group, continued to provide for their members alone a pleasant social life and the background of a home during their college years. Thus the nonfraternity students were unintentionally made to feel entirely shut off from much that was pleasant in college life.

Harriet Luella McCollum first became a student at Lombard University in 1891-93. In observing and analyzing the life about her she became particularly interested in the problems connected with fraternity existence. There came to her then that vision which, laboring in the hearts of fraternity leaders, has since revealed itself so clearly through the National Panhellenic Congress.

Her vision was of a fraternity which should give to its members enduring love and friendship, a strong impulse toward the leading of nobler lives and beyond this, be an active influence in the college world, making conditions pleasanter for all students and bringing an added

benefit into the lives of all whom its influence reached, members and non-members, alike.

At length she confided to several friends her desire that they found a fraternity which should attempt to realize this ideal. Early in March, 1893, a meeting was held to consider its practical possibilities. This meeting, like so many which followed it, was held at 629 Day Street, where Harriet McCollum and Cora Bollinger-Block shared a suite of rooms. Their living-room very conveniently served as a fraternity hall. With the two hostesses met Lucy Gilmer, Eliza Curtis-Everton and Frances and Almira Cheney. Harriet McCollum was elected temporary chairman. The decision reached at this meeting was that an attempt should be made to bring into being a fraternal organization which would not only benefit its members, but would allow them to use their united strength to give an added pleasantness to the student life of their college.

Bertha Cook-Evans, Julia Maude Foster, Louie Strong-Taylor and Alice Bartlett-Bruner were added to their number.

Desirous that their purpose should not be learned until their organization was sufficiently perfected to be running smoothly, these girls entered upon a life of secret meetings, held behind drawn shades, usually at 629 Day Street, occasionally with Eliza and Bertha at 413 Day Street or with Maude at 523 North Cherry Street a particularly secure place far away from curious student passersby. In order to make assurance doubly sure, no more than two of the girls were ever seen publicly together and greetings once friendly took on an artificial coldness.

A committee of which Cora Bollinger-Block was chairman waited upon Professor John C. Lee, then acting president of the college. They laid their plans before him, receiving approval and the encouraging assurance that the faculty would regard a second women's fraternity as a decided acquisition for the student body.

Other committees were at once appointed. Julia Maude Foster and Louie Strong-Taylor drafted the first constitution. Bertha Cook-Evans and Alice Bartlett-Bruner drew up its by-laws. Cora Bollinger-Block and Lucy Gilmer proposed the choice of the rose as Alpha Xi Delta's flower. Frances Cheney was chairman of the committee which wrote our yell. Much of the work was not formally adopted by the fraternity until late in April and in May, 1893 and it was not until May 4, 1894, that the sapphire was adopted as the official jewel. Yet within one month their plans were well under way. Alpha Xi Delta had been chosen as their name, the badge had been adopted, a service written and whistle and songs composed.

Richard Brown, a leader among the unorganized students, was admitted to the plan and was eagerly encouraging. Alpha Xi Delta is forever indebted for the helpful suggestions received from Jasper Everton, C. W. E. Gosso, James Alvin Clark, Ben Downs, Robert Higgins and Joseph Crum, all members of Sigma Nu.

The necessary preliminaries being arranged, the first election was held; the officers chosen being: president, Cora Bollinger-Block; vice-president, Lucy Gilmer; secretary, Almira Cheney; treasurer, Louie Strong-Taylor; chaplain, Frances Cheney; historian, Harriet McCollum; marshal, Bertha Cook-Evans.

The question then arose as to how to announce their existence to their fellow students. April 17, 1893, was finally fixed upon as the day on which they would attend chapel in a body, each wearing badge, colors and flower. They met a few minutes before chapel time in the room of the Zetecalian Literary Society in order to pin on badge and colors and the lovely, long stemmed roses which had been carefully smuggled in in their florist box.

With flushed cheeks and rapidly beating hearts the girls entered chapel a moment or two behind the student body, quietly taking seats together near the back of the room. A moment of surprised silence followed their

entrance, showing how well their secret had been kept. Then cheers and applause broke from the greater number of the students in welcome to the new Greek organization which was composed of their friends and trusted comrades.

CHAPTER II

OUR FOUNDERS

HARRIET LUELLA McCOLLUM

HARRIET LUELLA McCOLLUM was born near Redfield, Kansas, on May 25, 1874. Seventeen years were spent quietly on a farm and varied



HARRIET LUELLA McCOLLUM, 1893

not at all from the usual régime of country life. In the fall of 1891 she entered the preparatory department of Lombard College and in 1892-93 was ranked as a freshman. It was during the spring of that year that the idea of founding Alpha Xi Delta was conceived and so successfully carried out. With the close of her sophomore year her college work was abruptly ended by a prolonged and serious illness.

In the summer of 1897 she was married to the Rev. C. W. E. Gossow, one of the Sigma Nus who had been helpful at the time of the organization of Alpha Xi Delta and who had composed the words of one or two of the fraternity songs. He was then pastor of the Universalist Church at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

On July 1, 1898, a daughter, the second Alpha Xi Delta

baby, was born. She was named in honor of the fraternity, Marion Alpha. On July 4, 1901, a brother, Edward McCollum Gossow, was born. For a number of years Harriet McCollum led the traditional life of every minister's wife. Her days were occupied with the care of her children, in housekeeping, in church work and in adding heart-comfort to the lives of her husband's parishioners.

As her children grew older and she was released in part from the unceasing routine which their care had demanded of her during the first years, she established a modiste shop. The handling of assistants and work women as well as the contact with numerous types of customers soon gave her an insight into the value of practical psychology.

An exhaustive study of the new science convinced her that through it might be removed most of the unhappiness caused by the ill-adaption of people to their environment. The intimate knowledge of many lives which had come to her as a minister's wife left no doubt of this need.

Determined to share with others the benefits derived from the knowledge of psychological laws and their working, Harriet Luella McCollum began her now famous psychological career in 1913. Both because she is a feminist and because she wished to honor her brother, Dr. E. V. McCollum of Johns Hopkins University, she has gained fame under her own name. Mrs. McCollum



HARRIET LUELLA MCCOLLUM, 1923

has lectured in most of the larger cities of the United States and Canada, through her revealing talks bestowing upon others the knowledge which is so badly needed.

The great achievement of her maturity does not dim in her mind the achievement of her youth. Her love and pride in Alpha Xi Delta is as keen as when she first wore its badge. While in Boston and San Francisco, Mrs. McCollum had members of Lambda and Omicron Chapters as guests at her lectures and proudly spoke of them as her "daughters."

Mrs. McCollum continued her psychological work in the form of Campaigns until 1923, when she made a definite shift in the manner of her work for the uplifting of the race. In the beginning of that year she began a work which she plans to pursue to its finish—lecturing all over the United States for the abolition of capital punishment. She presents the subject from the viewpoint of the psychological cause and nature of crime. She attempts to solve the economic problem along with the crime problem, for she is convinced that they are largely the same.

CORA BOLLINGER-BLOCK

The life of Cora Bollinger-Block has been in many ways typical of the time in which she lives. Through aiding in the founding of Alpha Xi Delta she has left the impress of her personality permanently upon the college she attended. She has reared a family of three splendid sons, and has contributed largely to the life of the community in which she lives through the work of the clubs to which she belongs. Attempting much she has achieved much.

Cora Josephine Bollinger was born in Canton, Illinois, in 1868. Her mother, Emily Wills-Bollinger, was a graduate of Lombard College and had taught school through the years of the Civil War. She gave to her children an heritage of American tradition extending back to the days when the Colonial Wars were being

fought and their ancestors were engaged in the struggle to beat off the red men and claim the country for civilization and themselves.

Cora's father, Albert Lester Bollinger, of Pennsylvania German parents, was the cabinet maker and carriage builder of Geneseo, Illinois, for many years.

In 1873 he moved his family to Davenport, Iowa, where he entered the Seig & William Iron Heavy Hardware Co. At his death, in 1901,



CORA BOLLINGER BLOCK, 1893

he was president of the Seig Iron Co.

Cora Bollinger graduated from the Latin Course of the Davenport High School in 1887. She was unable to go to college immediately and when she did so in 1891, she chose her mother's alma mater, Lombard College.

In her junior year she joined the group which founded Alpha Xi Delta, her sitting-room serving as their meeting place. She was



CORA BOLLINGER BLOCK, 1923

elected as the fraternity's first president, bearing much of the responsibility during the difficult period of organization. Her interest in Alpha Xi Delta did not lessen with the passing years and in 1902 she was chosen as its first national president.

The first grand committee met in her home in Davenport, July 12, 1902, where for several days it was busy planning the details of nationalization and rewriting the initiation service. Mrs. Block presided at the installation of Beta and Gamma Chapters and at the First National Convention. She then retired from active direction of the fraternity, feeling that it was well launched upon a successful growth.

In June, 1893, Cora Bollinger married Louis Block, an attorney of Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Block had been a charter member and the first commander of the Sigma Nu Chapter in Iowa University, Iowa City, Iowa. Three sons, Albert F., Lawrence A., and Robert L., were born to them.

For some years Mr. Block followed his profession alone. In 1911, however, he entered into a partnership with his brother-in-law, James W. Bollinger, who had served thirteen years as judge on the District bench. The oldest of their sons came into the firm in 1917 and the youngest graduates in law at Iowa University in June, 1924. The second son, Lawrence A., is at present, 1923, following a fellowship in surgery with the Mayo Brothers of Rochester, Minnesota.

With the entrance of the United States into the World War each individual of the family prepared to do what he might. Mr. Block was head of the secret service department at Davenport, a fact of which his family and friends knew nothing until the war was over. Mrs. Block worked untiringly with her various clubs. Each of the three sons enlisted with the arms of his country.

The Order of the Eastern Star claimed Mrs. Block as an active member for many years. She joined it in 1904, her interest being aroused by the love her husband

gave to the Masonic Order. Mr. Block is an honorary thirty-third degree Mason and a Past Grand Master of Iowa.

Since childhood Cora Bollinger-Block has been an interested member of the Unitarian Society. For two years she served as secretary of the Davenport Women's Club. During that time she wrote an account of the war activities of this club which was published by the Scott County Council of National Defense. During the past two years she has been president of Davenport's Science, Literature and Art Club, a member of the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

She has spent her life in maintaining a home so homey that her family preferred to remain in it rather than to go elsewhere. She believes happiness to be the greatest thing in the world, not a lack of trouble but well contended victory. Her message to Alpha Xi Delta is given in the words of Charles Kingsley.'

Thank God every morning you get up that you have something to do which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content and a hundred other virtues which the idle will never know.

ELIZA CURTIS-EVERTON

Eliza M. Drake was born at Avon, Illinois, on August 14, 1867. Here she attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1885. On December 23, 1886, she was married to Charles B. Curtis, who lived to enjoy their wedded life but a few months.

It was not until three years later that Eliza Curtis knew beyond doubt the goal toward which she wished to direct her life work and entered the Divinity School of Lombard College as the first step toward its realization.

The desire to give permanent form to friendships actuated by high ideals and to the pleasures of companionship which a fraternity yields, led her to be one of the leaders in the founding of Alpha Xi Delta. She served as its second president in the fall of 1893, when



ELIZA CURTIS EVERTON, 1893

and Mrs. Everton first lived in Hoopeston, Illinois, where she assisted her husband in his church work. Later they went to Clinton, N. C. Of their work there, Mrs. Everton says:

As to my work in North Carolina, I hardly know how to characterize it. I am often asked about our work among the "poor whites" and the negroes.

As a matter of fact, we had very little to do with either one, and came no more into contact with them in our southern work than we do in the ordinary parish work in the north.

for the first time the question of rushing and pledging was faced and the work of the year was to be begun.

In 1894 she received her degree of Bachelor of Divinity and at once accepted a call to the pastorate of the Universalist Church in Manchester, Iowa. Here she remained, working among people whom she loved, until her marriage to Rev. J. L. Everton, a graduate of Lombard College in the same class as herself. Rev.



ELIZA CURTIS EVERTON, about 1916

Our churches in North Carolina are made up of the same classes of people as they are in the north, the only difference, so far as I can tell, is the natural difference of manner and customs and location.

Our work was simply to carry the message into new fields and to try to instill in our people the responsibility of a life in harmony with the principle of a universal brotherhood.

Mrs. Everton has always been greatly interested in the missionary work of the Universalist Church. For five years she served as president of the Women's Missionary Association of North Carolina. During the last year of this service, 1921, the Evertons accepted a call to the pastorate in Victor, New York, and Mrs. Everton was forced to resign the office. So well known and efficient was her work that within a month after her resignation she was appointed superintendent of the missionary work of her church over the entire southern field.

Immediately after the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mrs. Everton assisted in the organization of the Sampson County, N. C., Chapter of the American Red Cross. She accepted the secretaryship and performed the multiple and difficult duties of that office not only in war time but with as unflagging loyalty in time of peace. That responsibility was yielded to another only when their removal compelled it.

The work of the Federated Women's Clubs, which has included so many of the capable women in our country, drew Mrs. Everton into its service. The presidency of the Clinton Women's Club was another resignation made as a result of the decision to go to New York. In reality it was but a transferral of membership for Mrs. Everton belongs to the Women's Club of Victor and serves at present, 1923, on the committee of the department of Literature and Dramatic Art.

Hers is a sincere and vibrant personality, reacting to the broader movements of her time and contributing to them of her time and strength and capability.

LUCY GILMER

While the name of Lucy Gilmer is one familiar to every Alpha Xi Delta, she herself is but a vaguely known personality. So often has the fraternity lost knowledge



LUCY W. GILMER, 1893

of her since the time when she aided in its founding and served as its first vice-president. Julia Maude Foster remembers her as "a quiet, reserved and most lady-like girl." During the time she spent at Lombard College the record she made was that of an indefatigable student; one whose love of the work binds her to it until it is finished.

After leaving Lombard in 1893, Miss Gilmer received training as a professional nurse.

At one time she planned to turn to teaching, graduating from the Illinois State Normal College in 1903. However, nursing was the work which finally claimed her service. Her love of her country and her desire to know it well, coupled with a profession which made the change from place to place an easy matter, has taken her a leisurely pilgrimage through the years, from city to city and from state to state.

FRANCES CHENEY

Frances Cheney, born July 29, 1869, at Saybrook, McLean County, Illinois, was the eldest of nine children. Of the happy home life in which she played so dominant a part her sister, Almira, gives a vivid picture.

Frances was the eldest and the moving spirit in everything. She was a lover of Dickens and organized us into a Pickwick Club when I was about twelve years old. Frances was Samuel Pickwick and chief editor of the weekly paper to which we all must contribute something or be fined. A cousin and two neighbor girls were members and on club night Pickwick, Snodgrass, Tupman, Winkle, Sairey Gamp, Jenney Wren and Wilkins Micawber foregathered and merriment ensued.

Another thing Frances did that brought untold joy to us children was her story telling. She was a fine story teller and never wearied in amusing us. When she was sixteen and seventeen she used to go to bed immediately after supper with us and let each one choose what story she would tell. She told one for each of us. If we waked in the night and were frightened she told stories till we went to sleep.

Beside all this mothering she early felt she must help with the economic burdens, doing various things to earn money, the first of which was, I believe, working in a printing office at fifteen.

All holidays and our birthdays were always celebrated. Frances made a point of being home on her birthday, July 29, and never spent a birthday away from home. In 1895 I remember that she could not start home until the morning of the twenty-ninth. It took all day to reach Saybrook but the birthday feast with her favorite chicken pie and lemon pie was waiting when the train arrived at seven o'clock. She did not eat cake, so we did not have a birthday cake for her.

We learned Universalism and Americanism from my mother so early that I do not remember when. I should also include my father in the teaching of Americanism for he was a true American, one who wanted all to be on an equal basis in this country. Everybody at our house was an enthusiastic believer in suffrage for women.

In her religious life, Frances Cheney was an earnest advocate of the doctrine of the eternal brotherhood of the human race and believed in the final salvation of all souls. Her conception of life in other respects was equally broad. She believed that women should choose for their activity the field to which they were best suited. She, herself, decided upon entering the Ryder Divinity School of Lombard College in the fall of 1890.

Shortly before the time for her entrance, she received a fall which delayed her for a year and made the rest of her life one of unusual bodily suffering. Often, for days together, unable to keep up with her class work because of physical pain, she yet refused to be discouraged. In

the intervals of lessened suffering she was able to accomplish all that was required of her as a student.

Her influence was a potent one in the formative days of Alpha Xi Delta. The personality which had given so much of love and happiness to the eight younger brothers and sisters, proved itself the medium through which the distinct elements of the original chapter combined into a harmonious whole. Frances Cheney was Alpha Xi Delta's first chaplain. Her serene and Christ-like faith interpreted and clarified the fraternity's ideals during the first, difficult months. She served as the second secretary and the third president



FRANCES CHENEY, 1893

of Alpha Xi Delta, succeeding Eliza Curtis-Everton in that office at the beginning of the winter term in 1893-94.

Frances Cheney possessed in an unusual degree the gift of creating beauty in the use of language. While yet a young girl she began writing stories and poems which appeared in various papers and magazines. During the years she spent at Lombard she wrote many poems. Some of these were set to music and are among the best loved Alpha Xi Delta songs.

She was graduated from Ryder Divinity School in 1895, and entered immediately upon pastoral work at Richmond, Ind. She continued this work, in which she was intensely interested, during the brief six years allotted her. When compelled to lay down her work,

she was serving on the Greenup circuit, the same circuit on which her sister, Almira, began to preach just six years afterward.

Frances Cheney died December 13, 1901. Her name is a loved tradition to the entire fraternity. In her the ideals of Alpha Xi Delta were made manifest. She truly retained a spirit of toleration for the views of others, a broad sympathy for all conditions of men, never ceasing to seek for the likeness of God in those whom He has created in His own image and remembering always that there is an infinite and all-powerful Life behind all lesser being.

ALMIRA CHENEY

Almira Cheney was born in Saybrook, Illinois, in 1875. She attended the public schools there, graduating from the one year high school when fifteen years of age. Two years later she entered Lombard College. The great love which she contributed to the building of Alpha Xi Delta has persisted through the years. It has been an inspiration to many younger members of the fraternity who have met Rev. Miss Cheney at our national conventions.

When twenty-one years old Almira Cheney received the degree A.B. She had been one of the students chosen to give an address of welcome to Dr.



ALMIRA CHENEY, 1893

Nash when he came as a new president to Lombard. She was chosen from the members of her class as one of five

commencement speakers; the selection being based upon scholarship and the ability to speak in public.

Of the next years part of her time was spent in teaching and part of it at home. She has to say of her real life work:



ALMIRA CHENEY, 1923

Not until I was thirty-one did I find the work that I would rather do than anything else—the work of the ministry. Always I had loved church work better than anything else, but was confronted with the necessity of earning my living while doing it. At times I thought of the ministry but always the question arose, “Can you have a sermon, perhaps two, ready every Sunday?” and I said “No.” The desire kept growing, and finally, one happy day, I knew that I could have the sermons ready and could do whatever God wanted me to do in His service in the church. I

immediately wrote to the Illinois fellowship committee and they granted me a license to preach without delay, knowing that I had an A.B. from Lombard even though I did not have a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

And thus it was that I began to preach in October, 1907, on the Greenup circuit—the very circuit that Frances served when she had to lay down her work. I lived at Greenup just as she had done.

Since 1913, I have held pastorates in Abingdon and Morrison, Illinois. In November, 1920, I became Supervisor of St. John’s Universalist Sunday School in Muncie, Indiana. I was very happy in that work for eighteen months, at which time the Ohio Universalist Sunday School Association asked me to become State Director of their Sunday Schools. It is fascinating work and I enjoy it greatly. As a pastor, I always longed for unlimited time to give to the children and young people. Now I have it and I hope to continue always in some capacity to work with children and youth. It is much more important to train children never to know an evil life than to seek to snatch them from it in the years of maturity.

I like folks, just folks. I find that people are people anywhere I go and that there is a vast amount of unsuspected nobility. I try constantly

to see the image of God in every person, for we are all made in His likeness. Not that I always succeed—oh, no, but when I condemn, I remember afterwards that condemnation is not what any erring person needs, but understanding and appreciation.

LOUIE STRONG-TAYLOR

Louie Strong-Taylor is the descendant of a long line of pioneers who represent the best traditions of our country. The American branch of the Strong family was founded by Elder John Strong, a Puritan who settled in Massachusetts in 1630. The names and deeds of his descendants are recorded in two large volumes which present the research work in the Strong genealogy done by Dr. Timothy Dwight, ex-president of Yale. She derived an equally sturdy inheritance from her mother, one going back to the early English and Dutch settlers in America.



LOUIE STRONG TAYLOR, 1893

Louie Strong was born July 18, 1867, at Coledoma, Houston County, Minn., on a farm at the edge of the town. When two years old, she removed with her parents to Iowa, where the following twenty-two years of her life were spent. Her education was that afforded by the typical, ungraded rural school of those days, which, even so, represented the determined efforts of parents to overcome handicaps and give to their children the opportunities which lay in their power. She began her high school work at Storm Lake, Iowa, but the election to a

position as teacher in the primary grades interrupted it within a few months.

After three years of teaching, Louie Strong felt the need of further training and asked for a year's leave of absence during which she could attend Lombard College.



LOUIE STRONG TAYLOR, 1923

The year of college life is represented by the friendships which found their permanent expression in the founding of Alpha Xi Delta. The great gift which Louie Strong made to the fraternity which she helped conceive was the design of its emblem, the quill.

Upon leaving Lombard College, she returned to teaching. With

the passing of several years, she again felt the need of the inspiration which college association and study gives and this time she entered the University of Utah. The change of institution was made because she was then teaching in Salt Lake City.

While a student in the university, she met Mr. E. A. Taylor, an instructor on the faculty. The acquaintance soon grew beyond friendship and they were married in 1901. Four children, two daughters and two sons, were born of the union. Mr. Taylor early changed from the work of a university instructor to that of an engineer. The long absences from home required of him by his profession, left to Mrs. Taylor the duties of both father and mother for much of the time. The little family looked forward to the times when the father was able to be at

home with eager anticipation of jubilation and happy hours together.

Her experience in college when attending the birth of Alpha Xi Delta and in observing the growth and development of her own children has brought a firm belief in the need for membership of young people in worthwhile societies whereby their ideals are strengthened and their aims in life made clear and definite, supported by clean ambitions.

ALICE BARTLETT-BRUNER

Alice Bartlett was the last recruit added to our founders, joining Alpha Xi Delta only three or four days before the emergence from *sub rosa* existence. She was then fifteen years old, having entered the preparatory department of Lombard College because of its nearness to her home in preference to making the longer trip to the public high school.

She was an earnest, enthusiastic worker for the fraternity while in college. Her influence was an important factor in the movement toward nationalization. Alice Bartlett served as the first Grand Vice-president, attending the prolonged sessions of the Grand Committee during its first meeting in the home of Cora Bollinger-Block.

On June 9, 1902 she assisted in installing Chapter S of P. E. O. in Iowa Wesleyan College as Beta Chap-



ALICE BARTLETT BRUNER, 1893

ter of Alpha Xi Delta. It is interesting to know that Mrs. Bruner has since become a member of Chapter E of P. E. O. in Monmouth, Illinois.



ALICE BARTLETT BRUNER, 1923

The Bartlett home was opened to the business sessions of the First National Convention, held in Galesburg, May 8 and 9, 1903.

The three great interests in Alice Bartlett Bruner's life have been her fraternity, her music and her home. Following her graduation from Lombard College in 1898 with the degree A.B., music came into its own. She continued the study of piano and organ at Knox Conservatory of Music in Galesburg.

For five years she was organist in Galesburg's Universalist Church and for two years taught organ and harmony in Lombard Conservatory. Her love of music she has carried with her through the years, helping in the work of musical clubs to make it a more real and vital influence in American life.

In 1904 Alice Bartlett became the bride of Dr. M. T. Bruner. They have lived in Joliet, Aurora, and, since 1918, in Monmouth, all in Illinois. The care of her home and the rearing of her two daughters have filled the time and heart of Mrs. Bruner.

JULIA MAUDE FOSTER

Julia Maude Foster was born March 14, 1875 in Bradford, Illinois. She came of a long line of American generations. Her father's ancestors emigrated to this coun-

try prior to the Revolutionary War. Her mother's forefathers accompanied William Penn on his expedition in 1682. Both families were earnest patriots during the struggle for independence, entering the fighting when it first began at the battle of Lexington and continuing steadfast until victory crowned the weary years of struggle.

Love of their country has been a dominant passion through the succeeding generations.



JULIA MAUDE FOSTER, 1893



JULIA MAUDE FOSTER, 1923

Miss Foster's father served through the Civil War. Her brother was with the American forces in Manila during the Spanish American War and was commissioned as surgeon in the World War. For two and one half years Mrs. Foster had charge of surgical dressings at one of the stations in Minneapolis. Miss Foster, herself, gave every available minute to helping her mother with the surgical dressings or in assisting with the work of the draft board office.

When Maude was five years of age, the family moved from Bradford, Illinois to Little River, Kansas. There the children, two girls and two little boys, entered the public schools. Her parents came to believe that better educational opportunities would be afforded by a larger city and in 1891 moved once more—to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where the family has since lived.

While on a visit to an aunt in Illinois, Maude entered Lombard College and studied there for one year. Upon her return home, she decided upon work in the primary school grades as her profession. Feeling that no training is of worth unless it is based upon knowledge and careful thought in the one giving it, she studied for three years at the Minneapolis Kindergarten School and was graduated there before beginning her teaching. In order that she may progress with the new developments arising in educational work, her summers have frequently been spent in professional study at the University of Minnesota.

Julia Maude Foster has given her life to the guidance and service of little children. Not alone does she make her gifts of loving training to those entrusted to her care during school hours. Realizing keenly that in the early years the whole life attitude is determined, she gathers about her tiny folk of foreign birth, moving them to love of America and American ways through the love which she herself inspires.

Simply she stated the ideal working through all that she does:

I aim to be absolutely true to the little people entrusted to me, for I am sure that the most careful and thoughtful training should be given in the earliest years. My watchword is "Service" and my greatest interest along educational lines. I expect to work as long as I can for the bettering of conditions both educationally and socially for the little children.

BERTHA COOK-EVANS

From a Letter to the Editor

I am one of the common herd, who by no chance could become a leader. My life is so ordinary that I hesitate to say anything about it.



BERTHA COOK EVANS, 1893

My father was born in England and came to America at the age of eighteen. My mother was born near Beecher City, Illinois, at which place, I, too, was born on November 5, 1874.

Father was a country physician and among my girlhood memories are the times I went with him on his visiting rounds. He taught me to look for the wonderful and beautiful in nature; so I have a love of outdoor life.

I attended village school until I was sixteen years old when I entered the preparatory school of Lombard College at Galesburg, Illinois. I was graduated in 1896. Of course I did not realize it then, but I know now, that the most helpful things of my college life were the influences of my professors and fellow students. Especially is this true of one particular student, Orrin C. Evans. On September 29, 1896 he and I were married.

I am thankful indeed, for the little more than twenty-four years of companionship which we had together. Mr. Evans died on March 13, 1921. Our two daughters are my comfort, joy and chief interests in life. I have been a "home-body," but I try to know what goes on in

the outside world. I think women should use the ballot.

I do not agree with those who think the world is growing worse. I think everyone should get all the joy possible out of life: that,

to a very great extent, we make our own heaven or hell. So each day we should 'Take what God gives and build our House of Happiness.' "



BERTHA COOK EVANS, 1923

Despite the fact that Mrs. Evans disclaims utterly the attributes of a leader, she was nevertheless one of the focal points in Alpha Xi Delta's organization period. Her efficient enthusiasm accomplished much for the fraternity while she was a member of the college chapter.

She served as its president in 1895 and was graduated from Lombard College in 1896 with an A.B. degree.

Her life has been an expression of a serene and steadfast spirit which is unafraid to see clearly, which is willing to "Take what God gives and build a House of Happiness."

CHAPTER III

EARLY DAYS

FOLLOWING the initial chapel entrance of Alpha Xi Delta, made on April 17, 1893, its members worked diligently to complete the laying of the fraternity foundation. The last chapter meeting of the year, June 17, was made memorable by the formal signing of the constitution.

The opening of college in the fall of 1893 found the chapter with only seven members, for Louie Strong-Taylor, Julia Maude Foster and Lucy Gilmer did not return. Eliza Curtis-Everton had been elected president and under her direction the question of adding to the original members was considered. Belle Bishop-Wallace was the first initiate, being received early in the college year. Before Thanksgiving-time Carrie Stickney-Downs and Susie Berry-Dando were also initiated. Cora Bolinger-Block did not return to college after the Thanksgiving holidays. Eliza Curtis-Everton and Bertha Cook-Evans had taken the rooms at 629 Day Street, which Mrs. Block and Mrs. McCollum had occupied previously, so the chapter continued to meet in that familiar place.

Desiring that the growth of the fraternity might not be endangered by undue haste, members were added slowly. In 1893-94 eleven names appeared upon the chapter roll, and in 1894-95 twelve names. It was not until 1896-97 that the college membership mounted to twenty.

Thoughts of becoming absorbed by some national fraternity were at first entertained, but were soon abandoned. The girls wished to perpetuate the Alpha Xi Delta name and wholesomeness which had come to be so dear to them. The desire to make the fraternity national and to share with others its ideals grew through the



ALPHA CHAPTER, 1902

Top row, left to right: Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Mabel Sammons, Florence Kober, Maud Andrew-Van Camp, Edith Miller-Fletcher.
 Bottom row: Maud Oldfield, Ruth McAchran-Burchett, Marian Wrigley-Fischer, Anna Gillis-Kimble, Sarah Cook-Horton, Edith Gunder.

years and matured in 1901. The chapter at that time was composed of Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Mabel Sammons, Florence Kober-Page, Maude Andrew-Van Camp, Edith Miller-Fletcher, Maude Oldfield, Ruth McAchran-Bur-



CORA BOLLINGER BLOCK
First Grand President

chett, Marion Wrigley-Fischer, Anna Gillis-Kimble, Sarah Cook-Lorton and Edith Gunder.

It was realized that one of the first necessities for a national organization would be a constitution fitted to its needs and that the simple rules under which Alpha Xi Delta had heretofore functioned would prove inadequate

from a national viewpoint. Anna Gillis-Kimble was appointed chairman of a constitutional committee. This committee consulted with Mr. J. J. Welsh, a Galesburg attorney, an alumnus of Lombard College and a member of Sigma Nu. Under his kindly and efficient direction a constitution was drafted which, with amendments, still serves the fraternity. On April 17, 1902, nine years after the founding of Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Chapter observed Founders' Day by adopting the constitution which declared the organization to be a national fraternity.

The election of grand officers was held. Cora Bolinger-Block, who had served as the first president of the local organization now became its first national president. The other officers were: Alice Bartlett-Bruner, vice-president; Ella Boston-Leib, secretary; Edith Miller-Fletcher, treasurer; Anna Gillis-Kimble, historian; Edna Epperson-Brinkman, marshal; Jennie Marriott-Buchanan, chaplain.

It was at this time that the P. E. O. society reluctantly decided to withdraw the charter of its one college chapter, Chapter S, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Anna Gillis-Kimble, whose home was in Mt. Pleasant, became familiar with these circumstances and learned that the members of Chapter S were desirous of affiliating with a Greek-letter college organization. Through her influence a petition for a charter was sent to Alpha Xi Delta.

The national aspirations of Alpha Xi Delta had been a closely guarded secret until June 9, 1902. On that day the fraternity's members again surprised the student body by entering chapel, each wearing colors of gold and double blue. Hitherto, the colors had been two blues. With the nationalization achieved the gold was added inasmuch as another national fraternity already had light and dark blue for its colors.

So was the announcement of Alpha Xi Delta's ambition made public. Immediately after the chapel service

the installation committee left for Mt. Pleasant. That same day the former Chapter S of P. E. O. became Beta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Cora Bollinger-Block presided at the ceremony which took place in the home of Ellen Ball. Assisting Mrs. Block were Ella Boston-Leib, Alice Bartlett-Bruner, Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Anna



FIRST GRAND COMMITTEE

Standing: Alice Bartlett Bruner, Ella Boston Leib.

Seated: Edna Epperson Brinkman, Cora Bollinger Block, Edith Miller Fletcher.

Gillis-Kimble, Virginia Henney-Franklin and Jennie Marriot-Buchanan.

The training which the members of Beta Chapter had had as part of the national order of P. E. O. proved invaluable in the growth of Alpha Xi Delta.

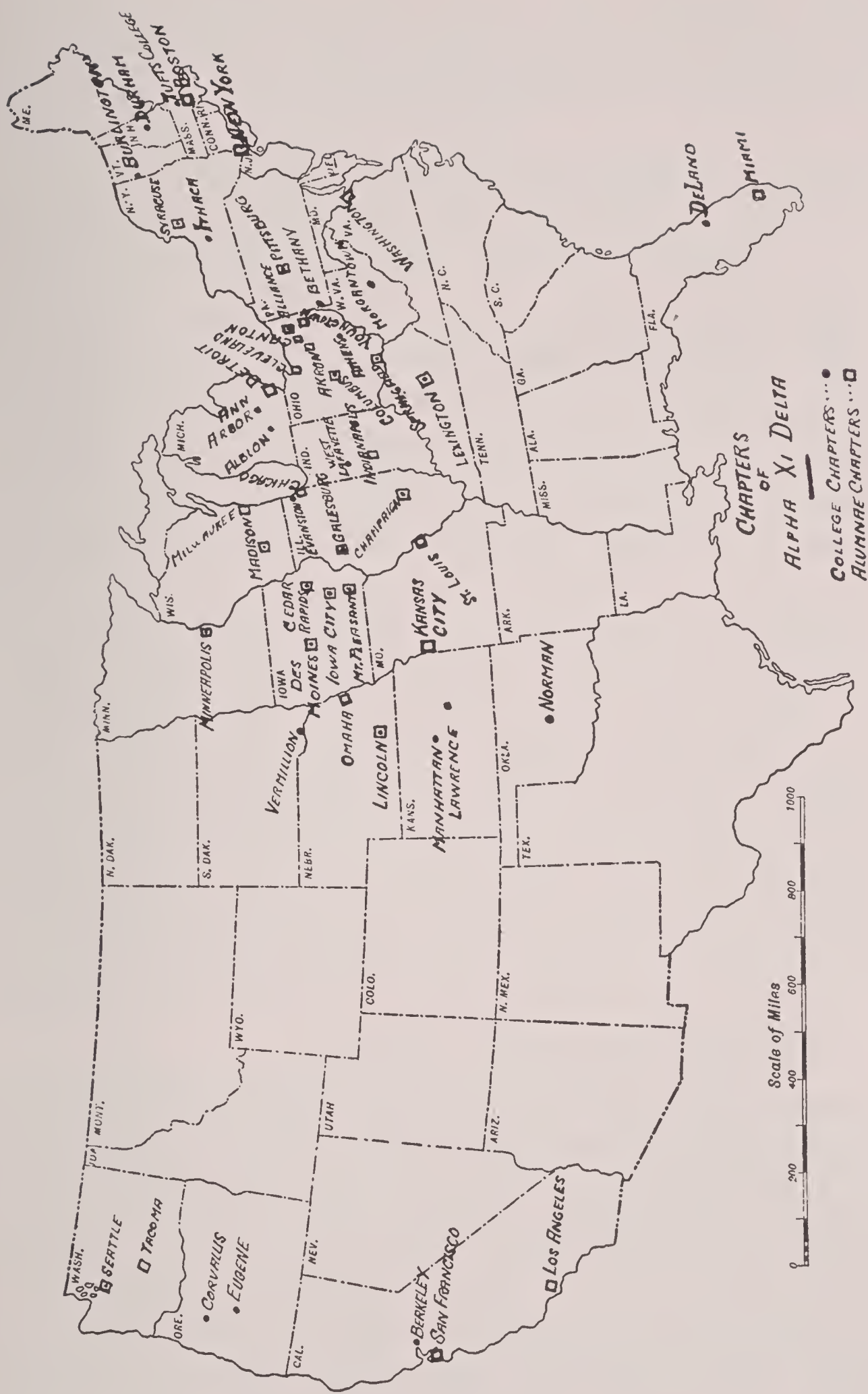
During the summer of 1902 the grand committee met at the home of Mrs. Block in Davenport, Iowa. A week was spent in one long succession of business meetings.

At this time Mrs. Block, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Bruner, Mrs. Leib and Mrs. Fletcher revised the initiation service and made plans for the following year.

On August 20, 1902 Mrs. Block installed the S. L. C. society of Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio as Gamma Chapter. The ceremony took place in the home of Mary Emily Kay, who afterward became Grand President.

It is interesting to note that the petitions of Beta and Gamma Chapters were acted upon by the grand committee and not by the college members of Alpha Chapter.

The year of 1902-3 was spent in adjustment of the fraternity to national conditions and in preparation for the First National Convention which met with Alpha Chapter on May 8 and 9, 1903. There Alpha, Beta and Gamma Chapters discussed plans and decided upon the course of action which has so successfully resulted in the constant growth of the fraternity and in the realization of the dreams of those girls who first visioned Alpha Xi Delta as a national organization of American college women.



CHAPTERS
OF
XI DELLA

COLLEGE CHAPTERS...
ALUMNAE CHAPTERS...

CHAPTER IV

THE COLLEGE CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER, LOMBARD COLLEGE

THE history of the early years of Alpha Chapter is the history of the fraternity. The chapter has been true to the hope of its founders that Alpha Xi Delta might be able to contribute an added touch of pleasantness to life of all Lombard students. On the first Monday evening of each college year, Alpha Chapter holds "open house" at its lodge for all students. There is no thought of rushing in connection with this occasion. It is purely a reception which furthers the acquaintance of new and old students and aids in transforming the lonely, homesick boy or girl into a contented and loyal Lombardite.

Three house-parties are given by the chapter each year. The first is always a Japanese party and is held during rushing week. The college Panhellenic permits but one elaborate function during the year to each fraternity. Custom has chosen the country club as the setting for it. Each of the Greek organizations, both men's and women's, give one formal dance during the year. Late in the spring Alpha Chapter holds its annual party, through which it honors its senior members.

In order to bring alumnæ and college members into closer association the custom of enjoying a pickle-mix together once a month was adopted in 1922. Both alumnæ and college members were always on the committee making the arrangements. Within a short time the better acquaintance and closer friendship so fostered justified the hopes of those who had inaugurated the plan.

Each Christmas a party is given for the children of the Free Kindergarten. The small boys and girls are

given a wonderful time, seeing for themselves that mysterious being, Santa Claus, who comes in person to take down the gifts from the Christmas tree and give them to their predestined owners.

In 1917 the alumnae members presented the college chapter with a scholarship cup. Each year the name of the girl in the chapter having the highest scholastic average is engraved upon it.

In 1922 Epsilon Chapter of Lambda Phi Delta, a professional fine arts fraternity, was installed at Lombard College. Of its fourteen founders six were Alpha Xi Deltas: Audrey Whited, Mary Hoffrichter, Elizabeth Dopp, Leone Robinson, Margaret Anders and Eva Smith. Elizabeth Dopp served as its president for the year 1922-23 and was elected to succeed herself for the following year.

All freshmen are invited by the college to try-out for the annual Townsend Declamation Contest. Alpha Chapter has made this a requirement for its freshmen. In both 1921 and 1922 one of its girls won second place in the contest and in 1923 Mildred Walholm won first place.

Commencement week is a time of real reunion. Then, if possible, each alumnae member returns to take her place in the mystic circle formed in Alpha's Love Feast when the chapter loving cup is passed from each to each and the spirit of love and allegiance to Alpha Xi Delta fills all hearts.

BETA CHAPTER, IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

The P. E. O. society is an organization with chapters scattered over thirty states and a membership of over twelve thousand women. A distinctive achievement is its sixty thousand dollar educational fund which is available for use by worthy and ambitious girls in securing for themselves a higher education.

The P. E. O. Society was founded at Iowa Wesleyan College on January 21, 1869, by seven girls: Alice Bird Babb, Mary Ellen Stafford, Alice Coffin, Ella



BETA CHAPTER, 1904

First row, left to right: Louise Singer Maiken, Lulu Reandle, Maud Drummond, Maud Maiken, Dee Stiles, Frances Arnold Greenwood.
Second row: Mabel Spry, Maude Reeves Besser, Nell Downer Minear, Ina Duncan Huebner, Nellie Tribly Gillis, Axie Lute Mitchell.

Stewart, Franc Roads Elliott, Suella Pearson Penfield and Hattie Briggs Bosquet. They added to their number and as its members graduated they retained their active relationship with the society. As many Mt. Pleasant girls attended Iowa Wesleyan University and joined P. E. O. it came about in time that there were more members in town than among the student body.

Shortly after the organization was formed requests began to come for the installation of other chapters. Most of these were formed in the towns and cities of the middle west. A few chapters were established in colleges but there was no thought of making it an undergraduate society. The custom practiced by the college chapters of having their members retain active membership after graduation led to these chapters gradually growing into town chapters; that in Iowa Wesleyan College being the only one which retained its distinctness as a college chapter. In the beginning it had been known as Chapter Original A, but later took the name Chapter A-J to distinguish it from the Mt. Pleasant Chapter. In 1889, however, it seemed wisest to separate entirely from the town chapter and a new charter was granted, naming it Chapter S.

Due to the difference in the environment of a college chapter and a city chapter, it became increasingly difficult for Chapter S to conform to the rules of the organization under which the city and town chapters were prospering. In 1902 the P. E. O. governing body reluctantly decided that the withdrawal of the charter of Chapter S was the correct solution of the difficulty. The college chapter determined to affiliate with a Greek-letter organization and through the influence of Anna Gillis-Kimble, whose home was in Mt. Pleasant, it became Beta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta.

The national ambitions of Alpha Xi Delta had been kept secret in Lombard College until the negotiations with the Mt. Pleasant girls were completed and arrangements made for the installation of the chapter. On June 9,

1902, the members of Alpha Chapter wore their tri-colored ribbons into chapel for the first time, so proclaiming themselves a national body. Immediately after the service the installing officers left for Mt. Pleasant.

Cora Bollinger-Block, then Grand President, presided at the installation ceremony which took place in the home of Ellen Ball. Assisting Mrs. Block were Ella Boston-Leib, Alice Bartlett-Bruner, Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Anna Gillis-Kimble, Virginia Heeney Franklin and Jennie Marriot-Buchanan.

Beta Chapter was hostess to the Third National Convention, June 21-23, 1905. The chapter roll then numbered nine, Iota Chapter having been installed on May 8, 1905. The time between business sessions was spent in the round of social entertainment which Beta Chapter had planned for its guests. Delegates and visitors departed with a vivid sense of the sincere hospitality which had made their visit so pleasant.

The introduction of student government into Elizabeth Hushey Hall was adopted through the influence of Miss De Nise, then dean of women. Alpha Xi Delta co-operated in the plans for the new arrangement and in 1910-11 Florence Coolidge-Anderson was president of the self-government association, a council of representatives from each class which were chosen by the girls in the dormitory.

It was not until 1913 that the college authorities gave permission to Beta Chapter to initiate their P. E. O. alumnae. This permission secured, a large number of the older women were at once affiliated with Alpha Xi Delta and the Mt. Pleasant Alumnae Chapter was organized.

On September 25, 1917, P. E. O. placed a bronze tablet on the wall in the music room of the "Old Main" building, marking the place where its first meeting had been held. After the presentation of the tablet and its acceptance by Dr. Edwin Scheel, president of the university, it was unveiled by Alice Babb, Beta, a daughter of Alice Bird Babb, one of the society's founders.

Each commencement morning the members of Beta Chapter arise with the sun and go down the "K" line to an old stone quarry. Here a great fire is built, the coffee pot put on, weanies roasted, eggs fried, and an outdoor breakfast prepared. After the breakfast is eaten, the girls gather round the embers of their dying fire and sing the songs of their fraternity until it is time for the seniors to return to the university and receive the degrees which transform them from college into alumnæ members.

An annual camp is one of the old, old customs of Beta Chapter. During the pleasant days of mid-summer, the camp serves as a joyous reunion for all the girls who live near enough to attend. There, in the long, quiet hours, the old months and years are re-lived and plans are made for the other months, soon to come.

GAMMA CHAPTER, MT. UNION COLLEGE

Late in the spring of 1894 six girls formed the S. L. C. club. After several weeks, faculty approval of their organization was secured through the influence of Mrs. Brush, the mother of one of the girls and a member of the faculty. Edmund Nicholson, a Sigma Nu, was particularly helpful to the girls during the period of organization and establishment. S. L. C. had a consistent and satisfactory growth. Nine years later when it petitioned Alpha Xi Delta for a charter, its members already numbered over one hundred. Its place in the life of the college was secure and influential.

Gamma Chapter was installed on August 20, 1902 by Cora Bollinger-Block, Alpha. When college opened that fall, its members returned wearing their golden quills.

The Second National Convention met with Gamma Chapter May 13-14, 1904. The delegates were made welcome by the entire college. The one other women's fraternity, Delta Gamma, entertained in their honor while the men's fraternities decorated their houses in double blue and gold.



GAMMA CHAPTER, 1904

The editorial staff elected at this convention was: Editor, Mary Salmon-Bolton; Associate Editor, Mildred Tucker; Business Manager, Mabel Hartzell; all of Gamma Chapter. The numbers of the second volume of *The Alpha Xi Delta* were published at Alliance, Ohio, three numbers being issued during the year.

Gamma Chapter was permitted a fraternity house for a few years after its installation, due to the inadequate provision for the housing of women students. With the completion of a new dormitory the girls were asked to give up their house and move into the quarters provided for them. While the trustees of Mt. Union College have never changed their policy, in 1917 the chapter received approval of its plan to build a chapter-house, which was not to be used as a rooming place by the girls.

The financing of the house itself was in the hands of the Alliance Alumnae Chapter. The purchase of the furniture for it and the raising of the funds which that required was entrusted to the college chapter. Many money-making plans were tried; selling papers and silver polish and collecting tin foil. The most novel of their plans and one which proved lucrative was a book store kept under a bed at which pencils, paper and examination blanks could be secured.

The college Y. W. C. A. has an extremely efficient social service department with which the chapter is in sympathy and through which it works instead of duplicating some part of the Y. W. work in its own name.

In 1921 the faculty offered two cups to be awarded each semester to the chapter of the men's and women's fraternities having the highest average scholastic standing. If held for three consecutive semesters, the cups were to pass permanently into the possession of the chapter so securing them. Gamma Chapter held the women's cup the first semester of 1921-22 but lost it by a very small fraction in the second semester.

The policy of Mt. Union College had always discounted intercollegiate athletics for women. As a result

of this attitude the interest of the women students in the athletics offered them was practically non-existent. In 1922 a movement, having Grace Kennedy as its leader, originated among the girls and was able to persuade the faculty to sanction intercollegiate basketball. The increased interest was at once marked. Gamma Chapter was represented by three of its members on the first team to meet those of rival colleges.

DELTA CHAPTER, BETHANY COLLEGE

Previous to the installation of any women's fraternity a custom peculiar to itself existed at Bethany. The men's fraternities each elected a number of girls to wear their pin and be henceforth known as a Beta girl or a Sigma Nu girl or however it might be. The pin was the gift of the chapter and meant only that the girl wearing it had pledged her loyalty to that badge and would earnestly work to further the interests of that chapter.

This custom governed more or less the association of the girls and tended to prevent the natural formation of groups attracted by their similar likes and interests. On the night of December 13, 1902, however, seven girls met in room 24 of Phillips Hall to discuss plans for the organization of a fraternity. Margaret Curtis-Pierce was elected president, and Elizabeth Carson-Brown, secretary. A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws. The local organization was completed, the single letter "Delta" being chosen by some odd chance as its name. Plans were at once made having as their goal the realization of the chapter's ambition to become affiliated with a national fraternity.

Many meetings were held in room 24, and the book which records their minutes is the greatest treasure in the archives of the college chapter to-day. The chapter was indebted in many ways to Mr. W. E. Pierce, who was later to be the husband of its president, Margaret Curtis-Pierce. He helped the girls in the puzzling details of



INTERIOR VIEWS OF DELTA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

organization which at first troubled them. Through his suggestion, correspondence with Gamma Chapter was begun, and Alpha Xi Delta became their definite aim.

On June 6, 1903 Delta Chapter was installed by Mary Salmon-Bolton and Mabel Hartzell, both of Gamma Chapter. The charter members were the seven girls who had organized the local fraternity, Delta: Julia White-Johnson, Margaret Curtis-Pierce, Muriel Scott, Pearl Sayler-Watson, Elizabeth Carson-Brown, Anna Mary Kemp and Virginia Stewart-Erskine.

Dr. Cramblet, then president of the college, permitted the girls the use of a room in his home, "The Heights," as a chapter hall. Through the same kind spirit, the early Founders' Day banquets were also held in his home.

In 1905 Delta Chapter organized the college Panhellenic association. This was its duty and prerogative as the oldest national fraternity at Bethany College. Panhellenic has become a force in the college life. It maintains an extremely low limit upon the amount of money which it allows its member chapters to spend upon rushing and has entirely eliminated many formerly objectional features.

Delta and Iota Chapters entertained the Fourth Convention when it met in Morgantown, W. Va., October 31, and November 1-2, 1907.

In 1909, due to the over-crowded conditions in the women's dormitory, permission was given the chapter to move into a fraternity house. In 1920 faculty approval was given the desire of Delta Chapter to own its own home and the house now occupied by the chapter was purchased.

Delta Chapter practices a charming custom in calling the roll of the entire membership each fraternity meeting. When an alumnae returns and answers once more to her name she feels again the thrill of sisterhood and realizes surely that the years have made no difference.

After each pledging and initiation service, Delta Chapter goes serenading. As the voices of the new girls



CHARTER MEMBERS, DELTA CHAPTER

Julia White Johnson, Margaret Curtis Pierce, Elizabeth Carson Brown, Muriel Scott, Anna Kemp, Pearl Sayler Watson, Virginia Stewart Erskine.

blend with those of the girls older in Alpha Xi Delta, singing together the songs of the fraternity, that mysterious process by which hearts are welded into sisterhood is begun.

It is the custom for the members of the chapter to make a house-gift each Christmas. Some luxury or desired piece of furniture is secured so that the girls who come after them, may also share in the joy of the day.

Founders' Day is observed with a banquet, and the custom has long been established which assigns each new initiate to a place on the program. During the preparation of their toasts their thoughts must dwell upon the day and its meaning. So a better understanding of the fraternity and its origin is won.

The members of Alpha Xi Delta have been prominent in all phases of undergraduate life at Bethany College, in campus organizations, in athletics and in scholarship. Lottie Griffith-Rast, '22, was a founder of the chapter of Alpha Phi Epsilon, national literary fraternity. Katherine Hurt, '22, was a founder of Sigma Sigma, honorary home economics fraternity.

EPSILON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The enthusiasm of Lorena Grange-Sweet led to the organization of the R. I. society early in the spring of 1903. Correspondence with the Grand Committee of Alpha Xi Delta was soon opened and in June of that year the petitioning group was visited by Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Alpha. The power to install the chapter had been vested in her, should she decide such action to be for the best interest of the fraternity. The ceremony took place during commencement week in 1903. The seven charter members of Epsilon Chapter were Lorena Grange-Sweet, Zola Jones-Newcombe, Hazel Lotze, Clara Salmer-Cason, Josephine Hanson-Hedeen, Mabel Richardson, and her sister, Ethel Richardson-Stillwell.

A room, which the chapter used as a fraternity hall,



CHARTER MEMBERS, EPSILON CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Clara Salmer Cason, Hazel Lotze, Lorena Grange Sweet, Zola Jones Newcombe, Josephine Hanson Hedeem.
 Second row: Mabel Richardson, Elsie Sargent (pledge), Ethel Richardson Stillwell.

was rented in a private home. The landlady was a kindly, gracious person, for the early chapter letters speak often of the feasts and spreads which she allowed the girls to prepare in her kitchen.

Determined that chapter meetings should be a cultural influence as well as a business conference and a pleasant social time, a plan of definite study was adopted in 1905. "Artists and Musicians" afforded the discussion points for the meetings during the first semester and occasionally, at their request, faculty members gave informal talks to the girls.

The advisory plan as an aid in helping the freshmen orient their college life was adopted in 1917. One of the older girls is the particular adviser of each freshman. To her the younger sister can go with perplexities and troubles, certain of a sympathetic listener who will give comfort and understanding advice.

An unfurnished house was rented in 1919, and the chapter made it into a home, furnished in comfortable, inviting wicker. The girls returned to school one week early in order to do the many tasks which getting settled always involves. By the time the university opened, order had been produced from chaos and the fraternity housekeeping had already fallen into a pleasant routine.

A clever and successful musical comedy was given in 1922 for the benefit of the convention fund. So, through the judicious mixing of fun and work and real ability the chapter was enabled to send two delegates instead of one to the distant meeting of the Grand Chapter.

One of the long-established social customs of Epsilon Chapter centers in the fall dance which follows rushing. The freshmen girls are always hostesses, entertaining in their turn the active girls who have so pleasantly entertained them in the opening weeks of their university life.

ZETA CHAPTER, WITTENBERG COLLEGE

The local fraternity, Sigma Pi, which had been organized in the fall of 1903, was installed May 11, 1904, as Zeta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Alpha, and Edith Gunder, Alpha, presided at the ceremony, which took place in Enterpean Literary Society Hall. The six girls initiated at that time were: Mabel Winn-Himes, Myrtle Wildasin, Mabel Bracher-Cunningham, Anna Miller-Knote, Mary Hubbell and Mary Elizabeth Houck. Seven girls had petitioned for the charter but four days before the installation service Lillian May Schmelz, one of the number, died at her home in Springfield. Sadness overshadowed the natural joy in the occasion and the ceremonies were attended with the utmost simplicity. The Second Convention, in session May 13-14, 1904, voted unanimously that Lillian May Schmelz should be forever considered a sister in good standing in Alpha Xi Delta and that her name should appear as a charter member of her chapter.

The following fall the chapter rented two large, comfortable rooms in the college building which was partly occupied by the Conservatory of Music. An informal reception was held there on September 29, 1904, when, for the first time as Alpha Xi Deltas, the girls welcomed their friends into their fraternity home. Later the chapter had rooms for several years in the home of Mrs. Harris, one of its patronesses. It was not until 1911 that the girls moved into a house. The disturbance of moving and getting settled having ended, a "house warming" was held November 20. Over three hundred faculty members, student and town friends came to offer their good wishes to the new housekeepers. Favours of Alpha Xi Delta roses were given to each guest in acknowledgment of their kind thoughts and words. In 1920, the Springfield Alumnæ Chapter purchased a permanent home for the use of the college chapter. It is quite close to the campus and well suited to fraternity life.



CHARTER MEMBERS, ZETA CHAPTER

Mabel Winn Himes, Myrtle Wildasin, Lillian Schmelz, Mabel Bracher Cunningham, Anna Miller Knote, Mary Hubbell, Mary Elizabeth Houck.

In 1917 the college Panhellenic Association undertook the establishment of a scholarship fund which would enable some girl to continue her college work who might otherwise have been compelled to leave without finishing it because of lack of funds. Alpha Xi Delta helped with the financing of this project which was born through the desire of the women's fraternities to make their Panhellenic Association of real benefit to the entire college.

For many years Zeta Chapter has opened its house at Christmas time to the children of a near-by orphanage. Gathering the homeless youngsters in, they are treated to an afternoon of unstinted candies and hilarious play which ends with the glad climax of gifts for every one, taken down from the branches of the Christmas tree.

The regular social service work chosen by Zeta Chapter has been the teaching of classes in English. These classes are composed of foreigners and meet in Settlement House.

After its initiation service Zeta Chapter gives a banquet to its new members. This banquet is always held in the chapter-house and talks are given on friendship, activities, sisterhood, loyalty and kindred subjects. After taking the vows of Alpha Xi Delta the initiates are thus permitted to hear what the fraternity has meant in the lives of some of those who have already lived in its membership several years. Following the banquet the entire chapter serenades, singing to its friends the songs of its loved fraternity. The "Rose of Alpha Xi" is a favorite with Zeta Chapter and the custom of standing whenever it is sung has long been observed.

Zeta Chapter stands high in participation in campus activities and in scholastic rank. Doris Moffett and Rachael Markley but expressed in action the ideals of their fraternity when they took a leading part in the organization, in 1923 of Theta Alpha Pi, national honorary dramatic fraternity.

ETA CHAPTER, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Early in the spring of 1904 a copy of *The Alpha Xi Delta* came into the hands of Miss Katherine Rulison, secretary to the Chancellor, and with the help of Bertha Cleveland, she undertook the organization of a local fraternity. Miss Rulison suggested the girls who were its charter members, all of whom possessed strong personalities and maintained a high standard of scholarship. During the difficult period of organization and establishment, Miss Rulison was invaluable in aid and suggestion. As an expression of appreciation and honor the fraternity called itself by her initials, Kappa Rho. Correspondence was at once begun with Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha, and Marion Wrigley-Fischer, Alpha.

The petition of Kappa Rho was received May 14, 1904 by the Grand Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta while in session at Alliance, Ohio, in its second convention. The charter was granted, conditioned upon the favorable decision of a visiting committee who were given the power to install the chapter. Axie Lute-Mitchel, Beta, and Mary Salmon-Bolton, Gamma, were appointed. From the convention they went at once to Syracuse to visit the petitioning group.

Being favorably impressed, both by the girls and the reports received of them, they pledged and installed the chapter on May 28, 1904. The charter members were: Bertha Cleveland-Patterson, Laura Weller-Gregory, Terese Tobin-Wright, Elizabeth Loetzer, Leila Dowsland-Davis, Dora Lockwood, Martha Hutchings-McKean, Grace Fox-Carr, Nettie Britton-Dence, Helen Tobin-Lantz, and Dora Baker-Davis.

With its first observance of Founders' Day, Eta Chapter originated a custom observed ever since. The active members, pooling their funds, make a gift to the chapter. A needed library chair was presented in 1905 and a library table in 1906.

The Third Convention, 1905, authorized the publica-



CHARTER MEMBERS, ETA CHAPTER

Helen Tobin Lantz, Grace Fox Carr, Nettie Britton Dence, Dora Lockwood, Martha Hutchings McKean, Terese Tobin Wright, Laura Weller Gregory, Bertha Cleveland Patterson, Leila Dowsland Davis, Elizabeth Loetzer, Dora Baker Davis.

tion of a new edition of the songbook. The work was placed in the hands of Eta Chapter under the direction of Terese Tobin-Wright and Martha Hutchings-McKean. Both words and music for a number of the songs were written by these two girls. In 1907 the Fourth Convention appointed Margaret Hoard-Garrett, Eta, Custodian of the Songbook. She has served the fraternity in that office during all of the years that have passed since then. In 1913 Clara Nelson, Eta, was appointed chairman of the committee which edited and published the third edition of the songbook.

The Third Convention, 1907, elected an editorial staff for *The Alpha Xi Delta* composed of Bertha Cleveland-Patterson, Grand Editor, Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Associate Editor, Dora Lockwood, Business Manager, and Martha Hutchings-McKean, Assistant Business Manager, all of Eta Chapter. The following convention, 1909, again elected a staff composed entirely of Eta members: Martha Hutchings-McKean, Grand Editor, Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Associate Editor, Dora Lockwood, Business Manager, and Edith Lawrence, Assistant Business Manager. So for four years the publication of *The Alpha Xi Delta* rested entirely in the hands of Eta Chapter, a distinction which no other chapter has ever had.

On October 28, 29 and 30, 1909, the Fifth Convention met with Eta Chapter. At that time the fraternity numbered fifteen college and four alumnæ chapters. Sixty-two women are to be seen upon the convention picture. The delegates and visitors carried away with them a sense of delightful courtesy from their hostess chapter and an impression of pleasant Panhellenic relations, for the other fraternities had done all that was possible to make the time enjoyable for them.

Ethel Baldwin-Bruce was one of the early presidents of the Women's League, one of the most influential of the undergraduate organizations at Syracuse University. She also represented her university at the Student Governing Convention held in New York City.

Twice Eta Chapter has had the distinction of having one of its members graduate at the head of her class. In 1903 Bertha Cleveland-Patterson was graduated first in her class and in 1907 Martha Hutchings-McKean and Nellie Bulton were graduated first and third respectively.

Early in the life of the chapter the Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter established the custom of presenting a gold piece to the freshman who had the highest scholastic average for the year among the members of that class belonging to the fraternity. Later the gold piece was replaced by a loving cup which is awarded to the successful girl and held by her for the next twelve months. The Activity Locket is an added custom, being presented at the same time as the cup. It is a gift to the girl in the chapter who has been most active during the year in the worth-while organizations of the campus.

The dream of both Eta Chapter and Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter of sometime building a home of their own seemed about to be realized in 1914. Plans for financing it had been carefully arranged. Plans for the building had been designed by Hazel Slayton, a member of the college chapter and a student in the architectural school. An opportunity of buying the house of Dr. Metzler, Dean of Mathematics, arose and the building plans were abandoned in its favor. During the summer of 1915 the alumnæ chapter, working with Helen Truair as chairman, assisted by Belle Chadburne and Lena Baldwin, secured funds and arranged the details of the purchase. The college chapter moved in with the opening of the university that fall. The house is a large gray one, situated only a block from the campus and well suited to fraternity life.

Faculty night is a custom which Eta Chapter has observed for a number of years. Once each week a member of the faculty is invited to dinner by a senior. The custom is not only pleasant for the chaperon, it is a step toward the individual contact between professor and student which is so sorely needed in American colleges.

Annually, Eta Chapter gives a slumber party. City girls and freshmen attend, spending the sleeping hours in the jubilant chatting and visiting which makes all slumber parties such delightful memories.

Each Christmas a number of poor children come to Eta's house for a real party. There the haunting fear lest Santa Claus forget them is lost amid the games and sweets and toys found upon the Christmas tree.

THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

In 1903 a club of nine members, which took the name of Zeta Gamma, was organized at the University of Wisconsin. It petitioned Alpha Xi Delta in 1904. Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta, inspected the local chapter and Theta Chapter was installed January 8, 1905, by Mrs. Mitchell, Elle Boston-Leib, Alpha and Marie Tuttle-Voorkis, Beta. The installation of Theta Chapter marked the second time that Alpha Xi Delta entered a state university.

The installation ceremony took place at the home of Lulu and Alma Runge, 310 Murray Street. The charter members of Theta Chapter were: Bessie Adams-Dockstadter, Iva Allan-Baker, Ellen M. Rhoades, Augusta Lorch, Eudora Cook-Westergoard, Nettie M. Cook, Lulu Runge, Alma Runge, Ora Mason-Moles, Mary McRae-Richards, Bertha Davis, Ruth Lyon-Kemmerer, Bessie Underwood-Sprecher, Mary Olin and Nellie Angell-Nichols.

After the ceremony a dinner was served to the new initiates and the patronesses, followed by impromptu toasts, given by Grand President Leib, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Voorkis, patronesses Mrs. Scott Goodnight and Mrs. Boyd Bode, and members of Theta Chapter. Bessie Adams-Dockstadter acted as toastmistress. During the dinner greetings were received from the other fraternities of the universities.

The next important event in the history of Theta Chapter was the move into a chapter-house, that at 434



CHARTER MEMBERS, THETA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Mary Olin, Ora Mason Moles, Iva Allen Baker, Bessie Adams Dockstadter.
 Second row: Ellen Rhoades, Eudora Cook Westergaard, Bessie Underwood Sprecher, Mary McKae Richards, Bertha Davis, Nellie Angell Nichols.
 Third row: Augusta Lorch, Alma Runge, Nettie Cook, Ruth Lyon Kemmerer, Lulu Runge.

Sterling Place. This house was built by the Building Association of Theta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. November 12, 1911 a formal reception was held to introduce its new home of the "Hill" to the friends of the chapter.

The Sixth National Convention of Alpha Xi Delta was held in Madison October 26-28, 1911. The regular convention sessions were accompanied by many entertainments. The first night of the convention, Theta Chapter entertained its guests with "vodvil" stunts, given at the Al-Fussy-Del-Tah Theater. A formal dance was the feature of the second day and the last afternoon a reception was given at the chapter-house, followed by a banquet at Lathrop gymnasium.

Theta Chapter ranked first in scholarship in 1909, which was the first year in which the scholastic standing of the men's and women's fraternities was recorded. It has remained near the first of the list every year since. The pledges of Theta Chapter ranked first among pledges in 1916.

Every year at Homecoming there are many social affairs planned for every one visiting the chapter, and the time is made a gala-event. Christmas is always celebrated with a party for alumnæ members, patronesses and their families and the college chapter. There is a Christmas tree with Santa Claus himself to distribute the gifts to the children. The last dinner before the girls leave for their Christmas vacations is a "slam party" when appropriate gifts are exchanged, each bearing an original verse, appropriate to the recipient.

Founders' Day is celebrated each year by a banquet for pledges, college and alumnæ members. Mothers' Day is observed by a week-end of parties and entertainments for the parents and families of the girls. At the close of each year a farewell banquet is given by the chapter for the seniors. The juniors are in charge of the arrangements and on this occasion the gift of an honor ring is made by the alumnæ chapter to the senior ranking highest in scholarship.

For almost twenty years Theta Chapter camped each June on Lake Monona in the cottage of Mary and Lucile Rayne. This camping party, which took place after the college activities were over, has been replaced by a picnic at which the girls have a few happy moments together before leaving for their homes.

The latest and most important event in the history of Theta Chapter is the purchase of a lot on Lake Mendota where a new home will be built during the summer of 1923. The plans are ready and the new house will be a charming embodiment of the English ideal in architecture.

Unique honor came to Theta Chapter through one of its members, Helen Smith, Phi Beta Kappa, 1919. Miss Smith was elected as one of the first American fellows under the exchange system which had been established by the French government. She studied at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Sévres, France.

IOTA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

The existence of Iota Chapter as Beta Pi, a local fraternity, dates informally from the fall quarter of 1904. It was not until February 10, 1905 that a formal organization was effected. On May 9, 1905 Beta Pi was installed as Iota Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Julia White-Johnson, Delta, and Mary Emily Kay, Gamma, presided at the ceremony which took place in the home of Crystal Courtney-Dacy. The charter members of Iota Chapter were: Crystal Courtney-Dacy, Drusilla Johnson-Quisck, Bertha Jane Smith, Ethel Averil Green, Lillian Smith-Starcher, Elizabeth Saddler-Parriott and Mary Cooper.

Dr. Charles Ambler, then an instructor in history at the university was of great aid to the petitioning group, giving them valuable advice and help whenever needed.

Delta and Iota Chapters were hostesses to the Fourth National Convention at Morgantown, W. Va., October 31, November 1-2, 1907. The spirit of welcome which



CHARTER MEMBERS, IOTA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Lillian B. Smith, Drusilla V. Johnson, Ethel Green.
Second row: Mary Cooper, Elizabeth Saddler, Crystal Courtney, Bertha J. Smith.

greeted the delegates was manifest not only in the university but throughout the entire town. The mayor of Morgantown seconded the address of welcome made by the president of the university. Iota Chapter had won its way so completely into the hearts of the people that they were ready to extend their friendship to all Alpha Xi Deltas.

As the oldest and longest established chapter of the university, the responsibility of organizing the college Panhellenic fell upon Iota Chapter. In the spring of 1906 the first Panhellenic meeting was held. Rushing rules for the next fall were agreed upon. These rules, printed and bound as booklets, were presented by the dean of women to each new woman student upon registration.

For several years chapter meetings were held at the homes of the girls who lived in Morgantown. In 1909 a room was rented and furnished. With this common meeting place, adequate for chapter meetings, initiation services and chafing dish suppers, it was some years before the need of a chapter-house was felt and a fraternity home established. The chapter has long occupied an attractive, roomy house quite close to the campus.

Thanksgiving Day is the time of Iota's annual reunion. All of its alumnæ are invited to the chapter-house for a Thanksgiving feast and the renewal of their fraternal life. Christmas is traditionally kept with a little girl party. Every one comes dressed in attractive juvenile garments and Santa Claus appears in person to reward his good children and see that his gifts are properly distributed from their places on the great tree which towers in the living-room. But Christmas is not a time of selfish merry making. Morgantown lies in the midst of the West Virginia mining region. Through the gifts of the chapter many of the miners' children are given a happier holiday time than would otherwise be theirs.

Engagements, symbolized either by the wearing of pin or ring, are announced to the chapter with a gift of a

five-pound box of candy. In its turn the chapter makes a wedding gift to each of its brides of a set of spoons engraved with the fraternity letters.

Mary Meek Atkeson was the first girl pledged to Iota Chapter after its installation. A few years later, under her leadership, a beautiful ceremony was written for use when a patroness first becomes associated with the chapter. This ceremony was approved by national action and recommended to the other chapters.

The contributions made to the life of the university by members of Iota Chapter have been many and of lasting value and influence. The two senior honorary societies both number Alpha Xi Deltas among their founders. Mary Meek Atkeson was influential in the organization of Laurel, election to which has come to be one of the highest honors which can be won by a woman student. Blanche Emory and Ida Smith were both charter members of Rhododendrow. Leda Atkeson-Sheets, 1912, was the first woman elected to West Virginia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Alpha Xi Delta girls were prominent among the founders of the three women's secret interfraternity organizations on the campus, X., R. J., and S. E. S.

Nelle Shughrow and Florence Lazenby were two of the girls who were responsible for the organization of the Women's Athletic Council. This body has under its control all of the varied athletic interests of the women students, co-ordinating their development and assuring co-operation between the many diverse factors.

Of the very few women who have been graduated from the College of Medicine in the University of West Virginia, five Alpha Xi Deltas have received the degree B.S. in Medicine and gone forth to the active practice of their profession.

The "Rose Gift" is a dinner given each year by Iota Chapter on the last evening of the rushing season. Then, under the soft glow of rose-shaded lights, rushees are given a slight insight into the feeling that exists deep in

the hearts of Alpha Xi Deltas. The gift of a single rose is made to each guest as the favor for the evening.

Friday evening house dances are one of Iota Chapter's pleasant social customs. Once each year each of the men's fraternities receive an invitation for such an occasion. The two large living-rooms are thrown together, the rugs rolled up, the victrola wheeled into place and a great bowl of punch made ready. The guests come and go as they choose. With laughter and music and dancing the short hours go by and suddenly it is time for leave-taking. The hour of rules has again come round.

KAPPA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

On December 15, 1905 Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha, and Frances Richey, Alpha, installed the local fraternity, Omega Omicron, as Kappa Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. The ceremony took place in the home of Nellie Branch, 610 South State Street, where the installing officers were being entertained as the guests of her mother, Mrs. William Branch, a patroness. The chapter installed had twelve members: Louise E. De Witt, Martha Fargo, Winifred Campbell, Nellie Branch, Marian C. Bell, Caroline Llewellyn, Elizabeth Abbott, Agnes Shannon, Iris Wood, Rosalie Retz, Louise Yale and Katherine Blake.

For the first year after its installation Kappa Chapter had a pleasant apartment of two rooms which it used as a chapter hall and where informal parties and spreads were held. The next fall the chapter moved into a furnished house which it occupied for two years. At the end of that time more space was needed than this house afforded. Owing to the youth of the chapter buying or building was still out of the question. Mr. Riley came to its aid by building a house which he rented to it and permitting the chapter to plan the arrangements. So suited to the needs of fraternity life was his home that the chapter has now, 1923, lived in it for fifteen years.



CHARTER MEMBERS, KAPPA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Mattie Fargo, Katherine M. Blake, Agnes Shannon.
Second row: Louise E. De Witt, Rosalie M. Retz, Louise P. Yale, Nellie Branch.
Third row: Winifred Campbell, Mirian C. Bell, Clarine Llewellyn, Elizabeth M. Abbott, Iris L. Wood.

Recently, a building lot was purchased and plans made for a larger and more modern house which the chapter will build in the near future.

In 1913 Kappa Chapter was hostess to the national convention. Sixty-five delegates and visitors were entertained. One of the features of the social side of the convention was a "Stunt Show" given by the Illinois girls for their visitors. The program was one of seven num-



KAPPA CHAPTER-HOUSE

(University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.)

bers, the last being a particularly clever pantomime, "Doings in a Chapter-house," which had been worked up for the occasion.

The ease with which incidental expenses mount to unreasonable figures forms a problem in every fraternity chapter. A solution of this problem was attempted by Kappa Chapter in 1918. Finances were put upon a budget basis. Each girl paid a stated amount into the treasury every month. The total so formed covered all house expenses, not alone board and room but social expenses also, including even formal dances. So satisfac-

tory did the plan prove when in operation that it has been continued since that time.

The social customs of the chapter are many. Writing of them, Lois Seyster-Montrose says:

Every freshman has taken part in an occasion called the freshman stunt show, when humble wearers of the green are required to cavort before their elders, making merry in some original skit: a minstrel show perhaps, a musical comedy or burlesque. Later these same freshmen are rewarded by a dance given in their honor.

During the rushing season, Kappa Chapter follows a somewhat invariable program. The more formal entertainment always includes an "Illinois" dinner, a "cabaret" and a cotillion given on the Friday before pledge day. The chapter-house is the scene of the cabaret. Small tables are placed on the lawn and in the living-rooms. Between the courses the guests are entertained by music and feature dances.

Another occasion enjoyed by the rushees as well as their hostesses is the afternoon at the Dunlap farm. Mrs. Dunlap, the wife of Senator Dunlap and an actively interested patroness, never fails to entertain the girls at their model farm, which is noted throughout Illinois. The drive is a pleasant one in the crisp September air, past the yellow harvest fields and fragrant, loaded fruit-trees. On the broad verandas the girls are served with cider, apples, grapes and doughnuts.

But rushing is a brief playtime for the new members-to-be and after pledge day they are confronted with the need for serious endeavor. Reminding them daily of attainment in scholarship, a large silver cup gleams on the mantelpiece, bearing the names of other girls who achieved good marks. Any pledge winning an average of 4.0 or above (equivalent to an average of B or 88) sees her name engraved on this cup. As in so many other instances, tradition has enshrouded this custom with significance and although the honor may seem slight at first to the new member it becomes at last symbolical of a genuine reward.

The scholarship cup is not alone on the mantelpiece for Kappa Chapter has always been known on the campus for her interest in varied activities. For four years, since 1919, it has been a custom at Illinois to give a cup to the organized house achieving the most original and artistic Homecoming decorations. The girls have succeeded twice in decking their house with such a unique display of orange and blue that the judges have awarded them two different cups in this contest. Another cup was won in the Women's Annual Stunt Show given during Interscholastic Week.

As commencement draws near it is, of course, the seniors who are fêted and honored. In the past it has been customary for one of the patronesses to entertain them at a tea and the house always gives them a picnic and a breakfast. In their caps and gowns the seniors take on a new dignity

and the undergraduates begin to wonder who can possibly fill their long-occupied places. Then too, it is that the seniors begin to think of their four-year home as the "old house" and to remember dances given in the long living-room, the confidences exchanged in front of the fireplace, the serenades heard on the high, narrow balcony, and prepare to say farewell to college life.

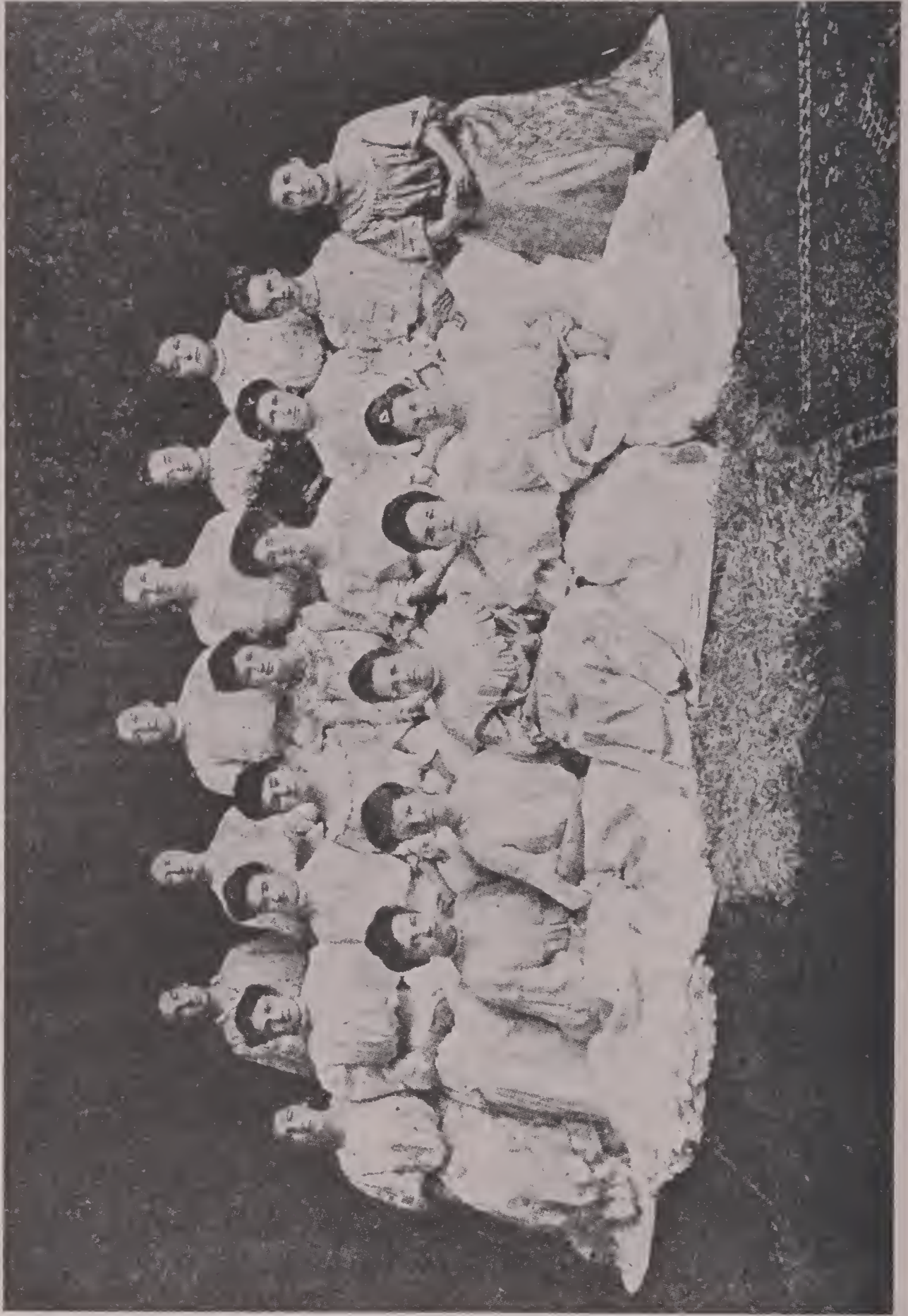
LAMBDA CHAPTER, JACKSON COLLEGE

Tau Epsilon Sigma was organized on December 9, 1896 with four charter members. In its ten years of local life the fraternity made a permanent place for itself in the life of the college. With twenty-nine graduates in that time, three of its members represented the women students on the commencement platform, eight were elected to Phi Beta Kappa, nineteen won first honors and fifteen honorable mention.

On March 8, 1907 Tau Epsilon Sigma was installed as Lambda Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Mary Emily Kay, Gertrude E. Wright and Katherine Keith-Stamp, all of Gamma, conducted the ceremony which took place at the home of Ethel Fuller. Forty-five initiates entered the fraternity at this time. Twenty-five of them being alumnæ, the Boston Alumnæ Chapter was immediately organized.

The charter members initiated from the college chapter were: Persis D. Hannah, Gertrude Johnson, Beatrice McFarland, Ethel Fuller, Emily Cate, Miriam Carleton, Marian Orne, Amy Richards, Eleanor Ladd, Irene Crawford, Nellie Kimball, Ethel Aiken, Annie McCoy, Geraldine Douglass, Louise Smith, Beth Nash, Marie Wood, Helen Burnham, Katherine Cragin, and Estella Butterfield.

In 1913 the college Panhellenic first observed its custom of annually awarding a cup to the women's fraternity having the highest average rank in scholarship. Alpha Xi Delta was the initial recipient of the honor.



CHARTER MEMBERS, LAMBDA CHAPTER

The determination of the Panhellenic Association to become more than a body which established rushing rules was again expressed in 1915. A study of Panhellenic literature was undertaken with the hope of discovering suggestions through which conditions might be improved. The first of a series of discussions was led by Bernice Cragin and Bernice Wood, both members of Lambda Chapter. Their subject was "The Relation of Local Panhellenics to the National Association."

In 1918 Lambda Chapter with the Boston Alumnae Chapter was hostess to the national convention. Lambda proved itself both thoughtful and delightfully entertaining in the arrangements which were made for the social side of the convention. Automobile trips to nearby historical points were interspersed with a tea, the convention banquet and an original stunt show in which Upsilon Chapter assisted.

The contributions made by the chapter to the life of the college have not been confined to its scholastic and social phases. In 1918 Dorothy McCoy was largely responsible for the founding of the Intercollegiate Community Service Association. The following year the unfailing enthusiasm of Dorothy Shaw was a determining influence in the organization of the college branch of the Young Women's Christian Association. The character and ideals of these two organizations reveal also the character and ideals of a chapter which could produce girls capable of bringing them into being.

In 1922 Tufts College held its campaign to raise a million dollar endowment fund. Jackson girls, who then numbered about one hundred sixty, pledged a total of \$8,000. This amount was to be secured by their own efforts and not obtained as gifts from their fathers. Believing their motives to be in sympathy with those which led to the founding of the fraternity, no banquet was held April 17 of that year. The usual banquet tax was donated to the endowment fund. In a similar manner, all of the fraternities gave up their spring dances, having



CAMPUS SCENES, JACKSON COLLEGE

instead one common Panhellenic dance, the proceeds of which were added to the fund. Lambda Chapter and Boston Alumnæ Chapter, acting together as a fraternity, subscribed five hundred dollars. Practically this entire amount had been raised within one year of its pledging.

While many of its members had been interested in various phases of social service work their contributions of time and service had been made as individuals. In 1923 Lambda Chapter, as an organization, became interested in one of the Boston settlements and pledged a definite amount of sewing to it.

MU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The local fraternity, Lambda Beta, was installed as Mu Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta on May 24, 1907 by Ella Boston Leib, Alpha, and Mary Emily Kay, Gamma. The ceremony took place at the home of Mary Helson-Harmon. The charter members of the chapter were: Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Vinnie Hitchings-Houston, Mina Schaetzel-Hitchings, Laura Benz-Ahern, Mary Shiely-Kenny, Clea Halvorson-Striegel, Grace Gilbert, Florence Jones-Turnquist, Fannie Gordinier-Landin, Dolly Hendrickson-Harrocks and Marjorie Thompson-Rankin.

A house was leased at once and the chapter had soon made it into a comfortable home. Determined to raise a house fund which would sometime permit the purchase or building of a chapter-house, finances were always planned with that end in view.

In 1911 Mu Chapter presented a musical comedy, *Cupid, Ph.D.*, which had been written by one of its own girls, Blanche Grand-Maitre. Miss Grand-Maitre had also compiled the songs for the production. The plot, which was clever and original, centered about the love affairs of Peter and Mary Featherbrain. The comedy was successful financially as well as artistically. In recognition of the chapter's enterprise and initiative, the alumnæ doubled the money made through the venture, the entire amount being added to the house fund.

Twice since, the chapter has repeated its musical success. In 1916, a revue, *Fads and Fancies*, was produced under the direction of Blanche Grand-Maitre and Edith Dampier. In 1922 the offering, *What's the Difference?*, was a humorous satire of the fads and foibles of university life.

The first of Mu Chapter's annual bazaars was given in 1915. From this modest venture, held in the chapter-house, the bazaar has grown to be a far greater undertaking. It is now held in one of the city's big hotels. The selling of attractive articles at the booths goes on all morning and afternoon. During the same hours bridge devotees sit at their tables in the interested silence, broken only by the rustle of cards in the making, which marks the play of the game. In the evening booths and tables alike are deserted and saleswomen and customers are found instead in the ballroom.

1920 was a triumphant year in the chapter history. Its long dream of owning its own home was realized in the purchase of a commodious, three-story house. In 1920 Mu Chapter was hostess to the Tenth National Convention. Its guests were entertained at beautiful Christmas Lake. There the work and fun of convention, combined with the scenic beauty of the lake and its offering of sports on land or in water, transformed the week into a glorious holiday.

Each fall after the hurry of rushing season is over and the new members are growing into the ways of the chapter, a tea is given for the mothers of the girls. The freshmen serve as hostesses, thus giving their guests the opportunity of meeting them intimately and continuing unbroken the bonds of interest which bind together Mu Chapter and the mothers of its members.

Christmas is celebrated with a party which is the traditional chapter reunion. Alumnæ and college girls gather together for a merry making which ends with a gift giving to the house instead of to each other.



CHARTER MEMBERS, MU CHAPTER

Top row, left to right: Marjorie Thompson Rankin, Mary Helson Harmon, Ella Halvorson, Alice Schreiber Kidders.
 Second row: Clara Beck, Elsie Lathrop Palmer, Clea Halvorson Striegel, Dolly Hendrickson Harrocks.
 Third row: Mary Shieley Kenney, Grace Gilbert, Myrtle Jones Stevens, Olga Halvorson King.

Mu Chapter has incorporated into its routine the big sister movement as a means of helping its freshmen orient their university life. Each freshman has a particular "big sister" in one of the older girls. To her she goes with her questions and perplexities, certain that she will receive sympathetic aid in whatever may puzzle or trouble her.

Toward the close of each college year the alumnae chapter is hostess at a banquet, honoring the seniors. Thus those who have gone before them and those who come after them unite in saying farewell to the girls just leaving college life.

NU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

In the fall of 1905 several girls who were very dear friends organized the local fraternity, Sigma Alpha Sigma. Its existence was kept secret, though meetings were held every Monday evening at the home of one of the Seattle girls. Slowly and carefully the organization was built up, striving to maintain the standards required by a national organization. From the beginning the idea had been to secure a charter in one of the National Panhellenic fraternities.

Early in the fall of 1907 Miss Madie Williman, then president of Sigma Alpha Sigma, met Miss Bessie Underwood of Theta Chapter at a dinner given by Dr. Meisnest. Miss Underwood was a student at Washington University at the time and she and Miss Williman continued to meet daily in a German class. The acquaintance so begun ripened into a friendship which grew to include all of the members of the local fraternity. So impressed were they with the charming personality and true worth of their Alpha Xi Delta friend that they determined to petition for a charter in the fraternity to which she belonged.

This petition was granted and Nu Chapter was installed May 31, 1907 by Louise Singer-Maiken, Beta, and

Mabel Spry, Beta, assisted by Miss Underwood, Theta. The ceremony took place at the home of Mrs. A. S. Kerry, a patroness. Hazel Estes, Lillian Esary, Elsie Waddingham, Pearl Gilkey, Ava Young, Ethel Latham, Mary Smith, May Chambers, Frances Sanborn, Magdalene Williman, Olive Mueller, Marion Schneider, Myrtle Parr, Margaret Harris and Lula Parker formed the original chapter.

It is the custom of the faculty of the University of Washington to choose each year the three members of the Junior Class who stand highest in scholarship to be "Senior Scholars" during their last year in college. This honor entitles them to the privilege of non-attendance in class room, and enables them to do extra work, so obtaining their Master's Degree at the same time as their Bachelor's Degree. Adelaide Fischer, 1909, was so elected. Two years later Nu Chapter had a second "Senior Scholar" in Dorothy Mason, 1911, who graduated with *Magna Cum Laude*, being the fourth student to win this honor since the founding of the university in 1862.

In 1911 Nu Chapter moved into a rented house. With the passage of years it became inadequate for their use and in 1917 it was imperative that they find a different chapter home. Delta Tau Delta was then living in a new brick house. So many of their men had left for military service that it was impossible for the few remaining to maintain the house. The girls were glad to relieve them of this problem, solving at the same time their own housing troubles. They lived in this home until the Armistice at the close of the World War released the men to their studies once more.

Nu Chapter is incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington. This corporation takes the place of a house fund. After initiation each girl signs ten bonds for twelve dollars each, payable within ten years from that date. With the payment of the first of these bonds she becomes a member of the corporation and is



CHARTER MEMBERS, NU CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Margaret Harris, Ava Zetta Young, Elsie Waddingham, Lillian Esary, Hazel Estes.
 Second row: Olive Mueller, Marion Schneider, Pearl Gilkey, Frances Sanborn, Magdalene Williman.

entitled to attend its meetings. The object of the corporation is the building of a chapter home for Nu.

Many interesting customs have grown with the passing years. The initiation ceremony is always held on a Sunday morning. Following it a spread is given in honor of the new members who are served by the sophomores. The mothers of the girls formed a "Mothers' Club" at the request of the chapter in order that it might benefit from their practical advice in the many problems which arise in fraternity house life. Not only is the fraternity strengthened by this close association with their mothers, they also give a yearly "Fathers' Dinner" in order to bring their fathers into real contact with the fraternity life of their daughters.

Christmas time is always celebrated with a Christmas party and a towering Christmas tree. The gifts, instead of being for each other, are for the house. The Yuletide brings with it the desire to brighten the lives of others. Nu Chapter has chosen children to be the recipients of its heart gifts. Archie Johnson, a sturdy, freckle-faced little orphan was supported for a year to safely bridge his life until other arrangements for him were made. During the war a French War Orphan was so truly adopted that the interest has not been allowed to disappear with time, and letters still go to and fro between the chapter and the little girl's mother. The gayest of giving to children is the doll delivery made to the different children's homes in Seattle at Christmas time. Then every little girl adds one more treasured child to her scanty family.

Founders' Day is observed with a banquet, both college and alumnae chapters attending. In connection with this banquet custom prescribes a rite eagerly awaited by the freshmen. Every engaged girl in the chapter must run once around the table.

Late in the spring quarter a senior breakfast is given on some Sunday. Here engagements are announced, toasts, speeches and prophecies are given by the speakers

from the different classes. The seniors present their farewell gift to the chapter-house which has been home for so long and happy a time. This breakfast is attended by the college chapter only.

Almost monthly a pickle mix is shared with the alumnæ for the co-operation and friendship between the college and alumnæ chapter is close.

It is the custom of the chapter to require the housework to be done by the underclassmen. Morning call for them is at 6:30 and for the upperclassmen at 7:00. The house must be straightened and in order by 7:30 when breakfast is served.

Difficult as is the adaptation to college life for the average freshman, it is still more difficult for one not even familiar with American customs. The University of Washington has many Canadian students. In 1922 Gertrude Bryce, herself a Canadian, determined to make the way easier for them. Working with several members of the faculty she organized a Canadian Club. So successful was this project that in the fall of 1922 an organized house was opened by the Canadian Club offering to the homesick Canadian girl a home with her country women and help over the difficult period of readjustment required by changed surroundings.

XI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

The local fraternity, Psi, was founded in the fall of 1904. For some months it was merely a congenial crowd of friends. In January, 1905, a charter was obtained from the faculty, and a formal organization took place. Psi was installed as Xi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta on September 11, 1908. Martha Hutchings-McKean, Eta, and Mary Emily Kay, Gamma, presided at the ceremony. The installation service took place late at night in the chapter room in the women's dormitory. The charter members were: Anna and Elizabeth Wallis, Nell Wallis-Delong; Lida Jones-Atkins; Margaret Jane Wanless,



CHARTER MEMBERS, XI CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Anne Simrall, Lillian Ferguson Proctor, Eva May Nunnally, Mary Lackridge, Cattell Gregory.
Second row: Margaret Wanless, Nell Wallis Delong, Elizabeth Wallis, Lida Jones Atkins, Anna Wallis.

Anne Simrall, Lillian Ferguson-Proctor, Eva May Nunnally, Mary Lackridge and Cattell Gregory.

Student government was first introduced in the University of Kentucky in 1912. The experiment was reluctantly sanctioned by those in authority, for chaos was feared to be the inevitable result of so far a departure from tradition. All of the Greek-letter societies worked earnestly to insure its trial. Addie Dean was particularly prominent in the movement, being one of the members of the first Board of Control which so successfully inaugurated the new order of government. A few years later Mildred Graham served as president of the Board of Control, an office which had become the most responsible of those held by students.

After holding its meetings at the homes of its members for a number of years, Xi Chapter rented and furnished two rooms for its use in 1919. It was not until 1921 that the faculty restrictions prohibiting women's fraternities from living in houses were removed. The overcrowded conditions in the women's dormitory made this necessary as a possible aid in solving the student housing problem. Xi Chapter rented and moved into the home which it now occupies as soon as the restrictions were rescinded. It is the plan of the University of Kentucky to ultimately have separate homes for its women fraternities upon the campus and until this can be accomplished all are living in rented houses.

Rivalry in scholarship is keen between the fraternities. The College Panhellenic awards its scholarship cup each year to the chapter which has the highest average rank. In 1919 Xi Chapter held the cup for the year.

The social service work of the chapter has been chosen for the benefit of children. During the warmer months of the year the girls serve as volunteer directors in the playgrounds of the poorer sections of Lexington. In the winter time they help with the classes in a community settlement house. Gifts of money and clothing have been made to the Pine Mountain Settlement School, one of

the means through which Kentucky is attempting to reach and educate her mountain people. In 1922-23 Xi Chapter assumed financial responsibility for the care of a little orphan girl and looks forward to the pleasure of helping her for some time to come.

Realizing that every year a number of students were compelled to give up the hope of returning to the university and finishing their studies because of lack of money, the students themselves determined to afford a means of help. An endowed Student Loan Fund was their goal. Xi Chapter worked steadfastly in this cause and contributed to it one hundred dollars.

Xi Chapter, assisted by the Lexington Alumnæ Chapter, entertained the Grand Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta June 26-July 1, 1922. Then, for the first time, the fraternity convention met in the south. Delegates and visitors carried away with them the sense of an ideal realized. They had experienced southern hospitality in all the fineness of its old traditions.

The loyalty of Xi Chapter to the university was shown in its active participation in the campaign for funds for the stadium, held in 1923. Alpha Xi Delta was one of the two women's fraternities with one hundred per cent of their membership pledging twenty-five dollars apiece to this cause.

OMICRON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

On October 3, 1906, twelve girls organized a club which leased a house the following spring. It was known at first as the University House Club. Later it adopted the name of Dal Riada and was recognized as a fraternity, being invited to join the university Panhellenic association.

Dal Riada was installed as Omicron Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta on April 5, 1909 by Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha, assisted by Bertha Comstock-Toy, Lambda, of Alameda,



CHARTER MEMBERS OF OMICRON CHAPTER WITH INSTALLING OFFICERS

First row, left to right: Beth Nash Fennessey, Lambda; Ella Boston Leib, Alpha; Bertha Comstock Toy, Lambda; Mabel Paulsen Van Patten.

Second row: Elsa Dietrich Martin, Lorena McCall Vorhies, Genevieve Touhey Kwapil, Mary Hetschel, M. Olive Johnson, Agnes Stewart, Inez McCall Russell, Ruth Risdon Storer, Edna Pracy Edwards, Genevieve Hoey Perrier.

Third row: Velma Shartle Powell, Edna Higgins Strachan, Edna Sugget Wisecarver, Meta Parks Messick, Edith Grey Halliwell, Bernice Carpenter Stedman, Cora Thompson Rochester, Elizabeth Kedrolivansky, Katherine Van der Vort Dittemore.

and Beth Nash, Lambda, then a senior at Leland Stanford University.

The charter members of Omicron Chapter were: Mabel Paulsen-Van Patten, Elsa Dietrich-Martin, Lorena McCall-Vorhies, Genevieve Touhey-Kwapil, Mary Hetschel, M. Olive Johnson, Agnes Rae-Stewart, Inez McCall-Russell, Ruth Risdon-Storer, Edna Pracy-Edwards, Genevieve Hoey-Perrier, Miriam Caldwell-Burd, Velma Shartle-Powell, Edna Higgins-Strachan, Edna Sugget-Wisecarver, Meta Parks-Messick, Edith Grey-Halliwell, Bernice Carpenter-Stedman, Cora Thompson-Rochester, Elizabeth Kedrolivansky, Katherine Van der Vort-Dittemore.

In its campaign for high scholarship among fraternity women the university Panhellenic has been able to develop so strong a sentiment against low ratings that poor scholarship is felt as an actual handicap in rushing on the California campus. In 1915 Omicron began her system of using her senior members as a scholarship committee. On every Monday evening a certain number of girls take to each senior the reports of their marks and cuts for the past week. If she is troubled by any difficulties which have developed in her work, she advises with her senior committeeman and some method is decided upon whereby her troubles are ended. This plan has worked to the advantage of the chapter and has proven valuable in aiding to maintain a high standard.

In 1915 Omicron Chapter was hostess to the Eighth Convention. At the time when the San Francisco Exposition was luring all travelers westward, Omicron added the supreme inducement of its own hospitality for Alpha Xi Deltas. The trip about San Francisco Bay on the tug boat, shut out from sight of land by a real sea fog, provided a life memory for the inland guests.

In 1917 another duty was added to those of the senior members of Omicron Chapter. Each freshman was assigned a senior girl as her special adviser; a friend to whom she might take her intimate troubles and with



Path to North Gate,
University of California,
BERKELEY.



California Hall, University of California,
BERKELEY.



The Campanile, Height 377 feet, University of California,
BERKELEY.



Greek Theatre, University of California,
BERKELEY.



The University Library, University of California,
BERKELEY.

CAMPUS SCENES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

whom she might discuss the many difficulties which arise in the life of a freshman adjusting herself to the ways of a great university.

Omicron Chapter ceased to rent and purchased its own home in 1919. A roomy, three-storied house stands well to the front of a large lot. Here the college girls are accommodated. A smaller six-room house stands on the rear of the land. This house has afforded a convenient home for a number of the *alumnæ* who enjoy being so close to the college chapter.

A Christmas bazaar has long been one of the chapter's annually observed customs. The San Francisco *Alumnæ* Chapter assists with the work, assuming the responsibility of management. The sale of dainty articles, aided by many ingenious ways of attracting money to their coffers, adds a substantial sum to the chapter treasury each year.

A mothers' club has been formed of the mothers of the members of Omicron Chapter. It holds regular meetings in the chapter-house and has given a number of bridge-benefits for the chapter-house fund. The mothers' club also helps with the Christmas bazaar. The co-operation between the club and the college chapter is intimate.

The social service work which has appealed most to the girls of Omicron Chapter has been the instruction of classes in the settlement house in Berkeley.

PI CHAPTER, OHIO UNIVERSITY

With the impetus given the growth of Ohio University during the presidency of Dr. Alston Ellis, the student body doubled in number between 1900 and 1910. Feeling that such a condition made feasible the presence of another fraternity, seven girls organized the local, Gamma Alpha Theta, on May 20, 1909. Having from the first, the intention of petitioning a national fraternity as soon as their growth justified it, they met as nearly as possible

the standards of a national fraternity. Upon the organization of the college Panhellenic at Ohio University in 1911, Gamma Alpha Theta was the only local chapter admitted to membership.

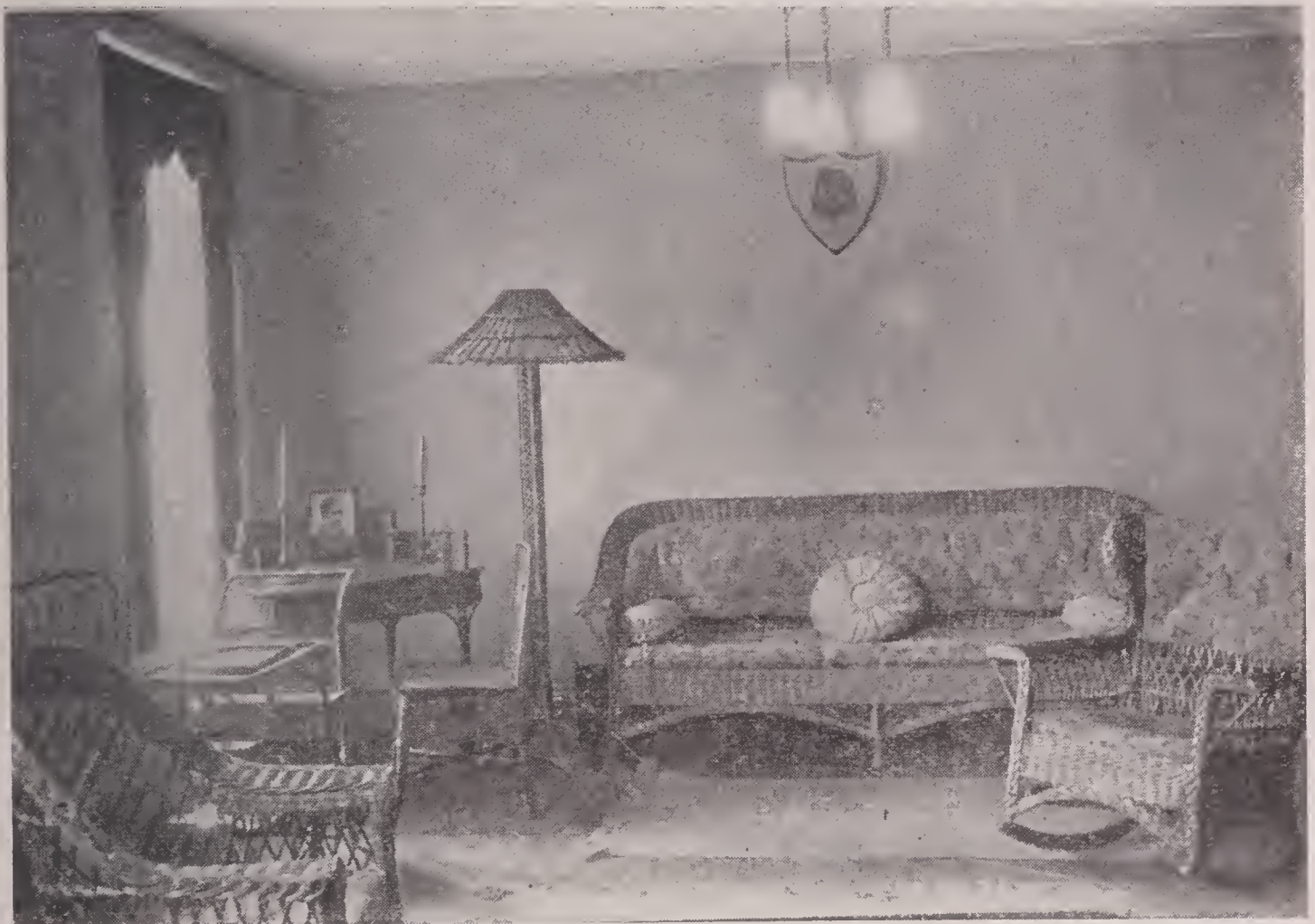
Correspondence was begun with Alpha Xi Delta in November, 1909. The Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda, visited the girls in 1910, and in February, 1911, the formal petitions were mailed. Installation of Gamma Alpha Theta as Pi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta took place on April 28, 1911 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ellson. Miss Mary Kay, Grand President, and Mrs. Haskell presided, assisted by Mary Pelly, Hazel Purcell and Freda Spring, all of Gamma Chapter. The girls initiated as charter members were: Virginia Crisenberry, Ethel Crissenberry, Elizabeth Sanzenbacher, Berenice Chute, Marian Brakin, Mary Warrener, Margaret Wark, Key Wenrick, Lura Pelley, Margaret Davis, Hazel Rigby, Ethel Radcliffe, Nelle Scott, Mary Kiser, Millie Gaffner, Hazel Reed and Elizabeth Morris.

The policy of the university does not permit houses for the women's fraternities. In West Wing, a picturesque building of early date in the university history, each chapter is given a room for their use as a fraternity hall for chapter meetings and informal spreads. Here Pi Chapter has a large airy room opening on a tree-shaded porch which overlooks the campus.

Until 1913 Ohio University had no general honorary society. The need was felt keenly for a society which would at once stimulate the present student to her best and preserve the traditions and accomplishments of those who had already gone out from the university. The foundation of such an organization in Cresset was due in no small part to the influence of Virginia Crisenberry-Harding. Membership in Cresset has come to be the highest honor which a woman can win while in Ohio University. Election to it is based upon scholarship, activities and personality. Speaking of it Miss Irma E. Voigt, Dean of Women, says:

“Cresset stands for what we deem best, not only during college days, but what we deem most in accord with the ideal of a well trained college woman in any community. The organization is more than a local Phi Beta Kappa in that attitude and activity play equal parts in determining election. The number is limited to fifteen, but the fact that we have never had to consider expanding the number shows that our standards forestall any such measure.”

In ten years since its organization, Pi Chapter has had twelve Crescent members: Virginia Crissenberry-



CORNER OF PI'S CHAPTER HALL

Harding, Helen Willis-Lynn, Christine Law-Nye, Effie Hedges-Cooperrider, Olive Robens-Ridge, Cora Mast-Baker, Rose Unkefer-Parr, Irene Aber, Grace Barker, Edith Stockline, Zoe Brundage, and Pauline Walden.

Each fall within a week after pledging the active members entertain for their freshmen with a “Rose Dinner.” The compliment is shortly returned when the pledges give the active chapter a “prep party” featur-



CHARTER MEMBERS, PI CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Mary Wark, Elizabeth Morris, Hazel Reed, Elizabeth Sanzenbacher, Lura Pelley, Margaret Davis Jones, Key Wenrick.

Second row: Mary Kaiser, Margaret Wark Erskine, Virginia Crissenberry-Harding, Ethel Crissenberry Dillon, Millie Gaffner Hazel Rigby-Mast.

Third row: Mary Warren-Wood, Marian Brakin, Nell Scott, Ethel Radcliffe-West, Bernice Chute-Carter.

ing a program whose numbers are given by the pledges themselves. The entertainment is so varied from year to year that the girls look forward to it with eager speculation. The pledges are presented to the patronesses at a tea or musical. A program is arranged in which the new girls take part, so that the honor guests may more easily learn to know them.

Christmas is celebrated with a real Christmas party, a Christmas tree and all that goes with it. Simple gifts are exchanged among the girls and the evening ends with the gaiety of a nonsensical grab-bag.

Founders' Day is observed with a banquet or a formal dinner. Here thoughts travel again over the years of Alpha Xi Delta and linger with its ideals and traditions. The banquet ends with a serenade of the men's fraternity houses and the women's dormitories. Alpha Xi Delta songs are sung, parodies with touches of local interest, songs of the fraternity being serenaded, but it is always the melody of the *Evening Song* which fades away in the distance as the serenading party moves away.

The last dance of the year is a "Rose Dance." This is the custom dearest to the hearts of the old girls and it is at this time that they try to come back. Weeks before the date the girls begin to make paper roses, and with the thousands of pink petalled, green-stemmed blossoms which they have fashioned the great ballroom is transformed into a rose bower.

In 1922 the university's humorous monthly, *The Green Goat*, was revived after a lapse of ten years. Its reappearance was very largely due to the enthusiasm of Fern Falloon, one of its co-editors. Five numbers were published before the close of the year and so successful was the venture that it was accepted as an established part of the college life. Office space was awarded it in East Wing, and a faculty committee was appointed to consider nominations for the editorship for the following year.

Athens, the seat of Ohio University, is the center of

a region of small coal mines. Many of Pi's girls, working in connection with the Y. W. C. A., do social service work in the near-by mining villages. Aiding in programs and entertainments, they share of themselves in order to brighten a little lives which are dull and colorless as the mineral whose mining dominates them. Other of the girls give their Saturday or their Sunday afternoon to go to the county Children's Home and tell the stories to which the children look forward so eagerly.

In 1922 the students and alumnæ of Ohio University erected a great auditorium building, built in honor of the Ohio students who had taken part in the wars of our country, the Revolution, Mexican, Civil, Spanish American and the World War. In the campaign for funds Pi Chapter was the first of the Greek-letter organizations to have every member pledge a contribution and the only fraternity chapter, either men or women, who gave as an organization in addition to a one hundred per cent membership pledge. The willingness to sacrifice for the good of its alma mater and for the love of the university which shelters it extends into all the relations which exist between the chapter and the institution.

At its Christmas party, in 1922, Pi Chapter received a beautiful silver cup as a gift from Donna Tebay, an alumna. While in college Donna Tebay had felt the need of a scholarship cup to be held by the chapter as an incentive to its members and she now made up that lack. According to her wish, the name of that girl in the chapter who makes the highest average will be engraved each year upon the cup.

Pi Chapter exerts a beneficent influence in the movement which insists upon thorough scholarship among fraternity women. It requires previous to the initiation of its pledges fifteen hours passed with an average equivalent to eighty-five. This is the highest standard maintained by any women's fraternity at Ohio University.

RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Rho Chapter first lived in the mind of Mildred Daniels, whose mother had been a member of Chapter S of P.E.O., which afterward became Beta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Assisted and advised by Lulu Runge, Theta, the local fraternity was organized. On June 5, 1912, Rho Chapter was installed at the home of Mildred Bevins-Haley. The ceremony was conducted by Lena Grandin Baldwin and Anna Miller-Knote assisted by Lulu Runge, Theta and Joy Schreekengast-Jones, Beta. The charter members were: Maurine Hetzler-Kellner, Ruth Hyder Gregg, Mildred Daniels-Davis, Bertha Ehlers, Hazel Robinson-Yager, Evelyn Doobs, Beatrice Longtin-Dobbs, Christina Claussen, Celia Malone-Gearing, Mildred Bevins-Haley, Goldie Munson-Patrick, and Isabel Coons-Gillespie.

In 1912-13 Rho Chapter moved into a house. It has tried to make this house a means of service to the university by opening it for the meetings of various campus organizations. The chapter's house fund has reached a figure which sanctions its plan to build within the next two years.

In 1916 the seniors left as their farewell gift to the chapter a loving cup which is awarded each year to the freshman whose scholastic rank has been highest.

A new and worthwhile custom at the University of Nebraska was originated when Rho Chapter formed its "Lincoln Mothers' Club." The older, interested women are thus brought into intimate association with the chapter which profits by their experienced advice in the many questions which arise in the conduct of a fraternity house.

Each Christmas a tree is set up in the house and transformed with shimmering tinsel and many gifts. Children for whom their homes hold no Christmas are invited and the evening made gay with games and gifts for them.

Founders' Day is observed with a banquet at which



CHARTER MEMBERS, RHO CHAPTER

the spirit and ideals of Alpha Xi Delta reveal themselves in the toasts and speeches. The second banquet of the year is given as a farewell honor to the seniors who are turning their faces away from university and chapter life toward the life of the world.

SIGMA CHAPTER, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The local fraternity, Delta Rho, was founded in the fall of 1911. At first it was merely an informal organization of a group of friends, most of whom lived in the same house. The idea of petitioning Alpha Xi Delta for a charter soon arose and with this in mind the girls slowly added to their number. After correspondence with the fraternity, the local chapter was visited by Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta, and a formal petition issued in 1912. On June 12 of that year Sigma Chapter was installed by Miss Baldwin and Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta. They were assisted by Helen and Margaret Miller, Epsilon, and Mabel Lover, Beta. The ceremony took place in the home of Helen Waldron-Latham. The girls initiated then were: Helen Waldron-Latham, Hannah Peebles, Ruby Martin-Pemberton, Hazel Ranck-Snell, Mildred Yule-Phelps, Amy Purvis-Issac, Ruth McGuire, Anna Van der Zee-Holmes, Helen Silsbee-Smith and Clara Sherman.

In 1916 Sigma Chapter moved into a spacious, three-storied brick house which was admirably adapted to fraternity life. This house served as the chapter home until 1923 when the one now occupied was purchased.

Sigma Chapter considers high scholarship of primary importance. Delinquent slips are sent by instructors, through the office of the dean of women, to those students who are below the required average in any subject. The fraternity withdraws dating privileges for two weeks from those of its members who receive delinquent slips. The penalty includes week-ends but makes exceptions of formal dates. The length of the restricted period



CHARTER MEMBERS, SIGMA CHAPTER

can be shortened only by securing a written statement from the complaining instructor saying that he is again receiving satisfactory work.

At the beginning of each college year house rules are drawn up and presented at fraternity meeting for consideration and discussion, being finally agreed upon there. Quiet hours prevail on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00 until 10:00 o'clock p. m. and from 10:30 p. m. until 7:00 o'clock a.m. On Sunday mornings quietness continues until 9:00 o'clock a. m. Study hour rules require that each girl shall be in her own room.

In order to create greater interest in campus activities Sigma Chapter adopted the point system and has adhered closely to it. A fixed number of points is given for holding offices in or serving upon committees for specific organizations, for attending meetings and lectures, for taking part in all the various activities which go to make up student life in a great university. Reports of the number of points earned are given at every other fraternity meeting. The number of activity points required by the fraternity of each of its members varies according to their university classification. Earning the required points is considered a matter of personal honor.

Desiring to help its freshmen and new members in adjusting themselves to their new environment, the sponsor system was adopted by Sigma Chapter in 1918. Each pledge has as her sponsor some capable upperclass woman, appointed by the chapter president. The duty of the sponsor is helping the pledge in her scholastic work, university activities, social life and in any other way which circumstances may make possible.

The chief social service work of Sigma Chapter centers about the crippled children in Perkin's Hospital. The girls assist in teaching and entertaining the little patients, filling with interest many an hour otherwise tediously empty.

Members of the faculty are chapter guests at dinner on Sundays. The girls are privileged to propose the

names of those faculty members whom they desire as guests. Sigma Chapter is unique on Iowa's campus in entertaining each year at a faculty tea, usually given on a Saturday afternoon. In 1922 an alumna, Anne Bierce, a gifted musician, was presented in recital at a musical tea. She was assisted by two friends in the department of music at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. The association outside of the classroom with professors and instructors which these customs induce is of real value in a university whose size renders difficult the individual and personal contact between professor and student.

It is customary at the state university of Iowa for the women's fraternities to entertain at "open house" at the beginning of each college year. Invitations are sent to every men's fraternity on the campus. Sigma Chapter keeps a register in which each man who calls at open house writes his name, fraternity, date and some witty comment. This book is a particularly interesting source of reminiscence.

The pledges of Alpha Xi Delta each year entertain the pledges of the other women's fraternities at a tea. A tea is also given, honoring the chapter chaperon, at which the other fraternity chaperons and the fraternity presidents are the guests.

Two especially pleasing customs are the provision each week of flowers for the dining-room table by two of the girls living in the house and the announcement of engagements by the gift of a five-pound box of candy sent to the chapter by the fortunate man who has just won the promise of his happiness.

Each year the Y. W.-Y. M. C. A. give an all-university festival known as Iowawa. A feature of the festival is the fraternity parade. Each women's fraternity decorates and enters a float in it in the effort to win the loving cup which is offered as a prize for the most original and artistic. The award of the cup for three successive times to the same fraternity would carry with it permanent ownership. A spirit of keen rivalry is aroused

by this event and yet it carries with it the co-operation of all the fraternities to make successful a university project sponsored by organizations which represent the religious element of student life.

TAU CHAPTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE COLLEGE

Through the influence of Mary Dole, Lambda, who was then a student at New Hampshire State College, a local fraternity, Phi Delta, was founded in 1913. Working enthusiastically with Miss Dole was her roommate, Nellie White. Six other girls were interested in the plan of petitioning for a charter in Alpha Xi Delta and the local was formally organized.

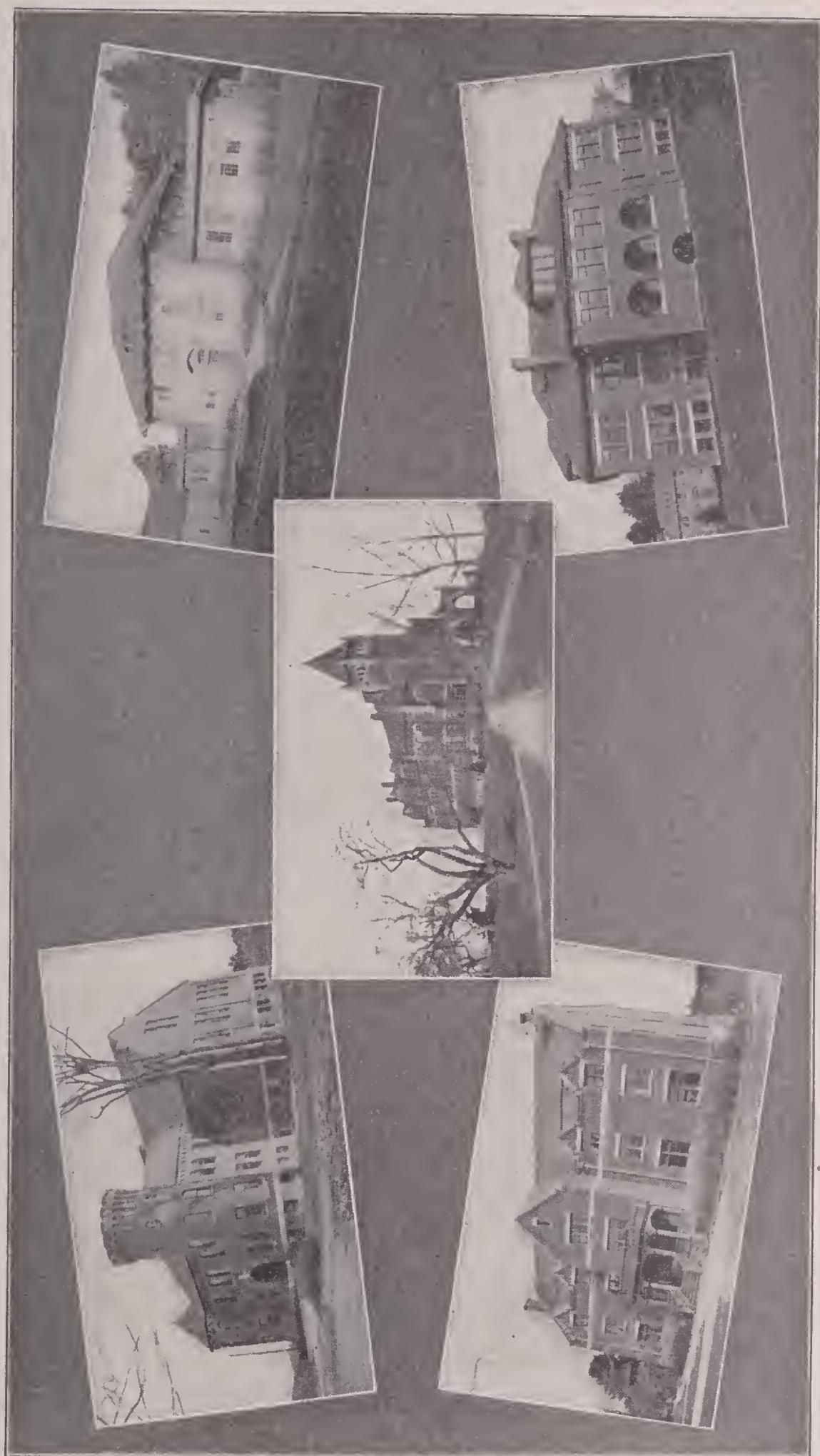
Tau Chapter was installed on the evening of September 25, 1914. Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda, and Bertha Shepard, Lambda, presided at the ceremony which took place in one of the rooms of Thompson Hall. Assisting the installing officers were seven girls from Lambda Chapter and Boston Alumnæ. Lambda Chapter, so long Alpha Xi Delta's only New England representative, had been particularly interested in the success of Tau Chapter and the event was a joyful one for the Massachusetts girls. The chapter installed was composed of: Alice Coffin, Nellie White, Phyllis Blanchard, Lon Crandall, Beatrice Fall, Melissa Cilley, and Marion Gilson.

Believing that there was sufficient earnest interest in poetry to support a club for its study, Phyllis Blanchard founded "Book and Scroll" and was for two years its president. Many of the poems which she wrote during this time appeared in *The Alpha Xi Delta*. The poetic interest aroused was so enduring that "Book and Scroll" developed into a honorary fraternity, membership in which is greatly prized.

From the moment of its inception, Tau Chapter has been an influence working for higher scholarship, not alone among its own members, but among all the women



CHARTER MEMBERS, TAU CHAPTER



CAMPUS SCENES, NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE COLLEGE

of the college. In 1915 it presented a silver loving cup to the college Panhellenic association. This cup was to be awarded each year to the women's fraternity having the highest average standing in scholarship. Tau Chapter was the first of the fraternities to hold the cup, winning it the first year it was presented for competition and continuing to do so, with but two exceptions thus far, each year afterward.

Natalie Ewer-Graham was a devotee and student of interpretative dancing. Yielding to the desire to express the inner meaning which she had found in her fraternity life, she created an Alpha Xi Delta dance, "The Soul of the Rose." She danced it for the first time at a rushing party given in 1917 and made memorable by the living beauty of this new evidence of love for the fraternity.

One of Tau Chapter's customs which arouses a great deal of interest during the year is the annual entertainment by each class of the other members of the chapter. Great variety is offered in the amusement provided and each original conception which adds to the store of treasured chapter memories is greeted with delight.

The chapter is particularly proud of two of its alumnae, Melissa Cilley and Alice Kemp, who are teaching school in Barcelona, Spain.

The members of Tau Chapter have won many high collegiate honors and held responsible positions in all of the campus organizations at New Hampshire. Through their exemplification of its teachings and ideals Alpha Xi Delta has come to be a vital force in the life of the college.

UPSILON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The suggestion to a group of friends that another national fraternity chapter was needed at Vermont, resulted in the organization of a local fraternity, Alpha Sigma, founded by ten girls on June 10, 1914. Through the influence of Avis Keir, Lambda, correspondence with Alpha Xi Delta was begun.



CHARTER MEMBERS, Upsilon CHAPTER

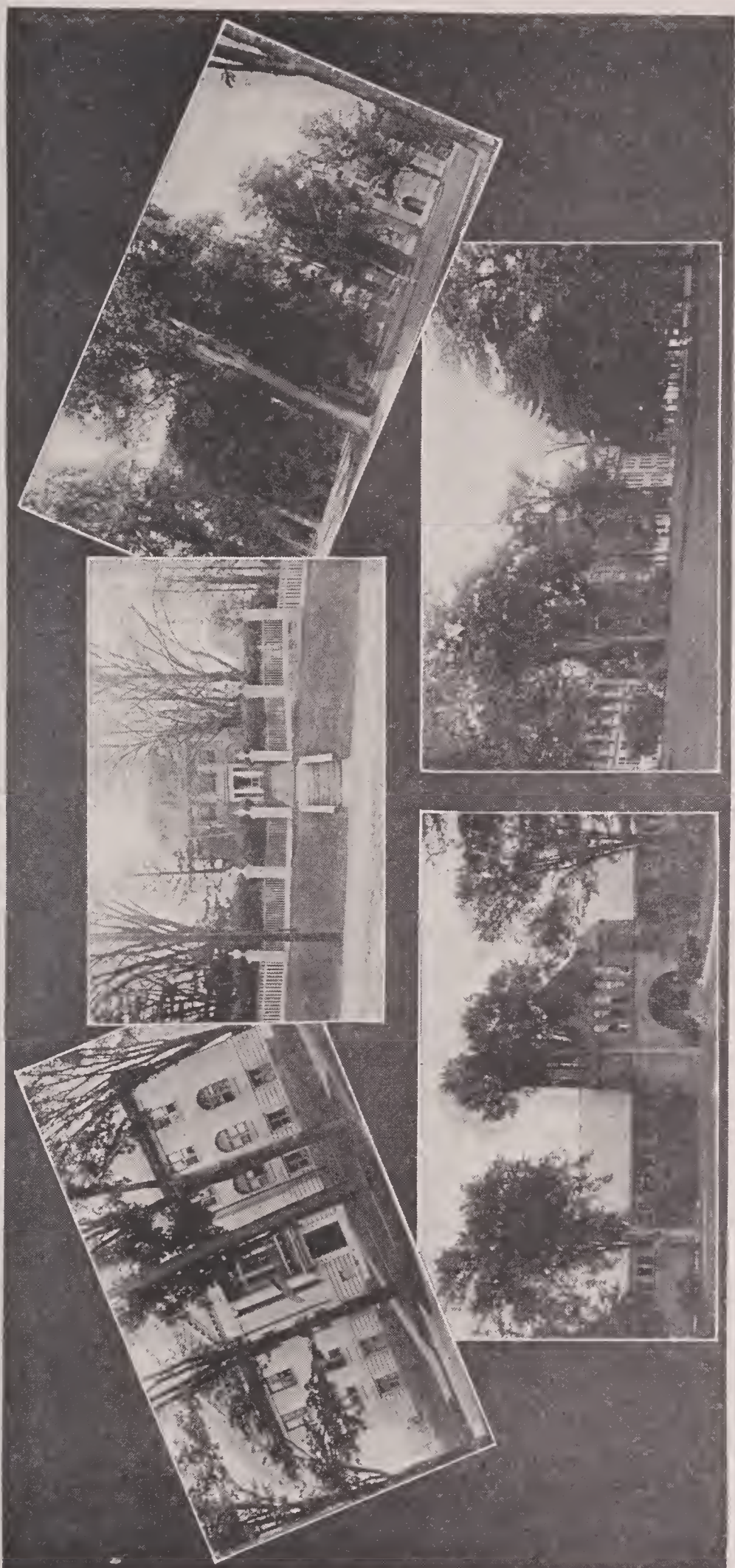
Upsilon Chapter was installed February 15, 1915, by Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda, and Bertha Shepard, Lambda, assisted by Edith Bradford, Lambda, and two delegates from Boston Alumnæ Chapter. The ceremony took place at the home of Irene Ballou. Martha O'Neil, Hazel McCuen, Alma Holton, Irene Ballou, Augustine La Rochelle, Laura Porter, Marion Walker, Madeline Taylor and Mary Conway were initiated at that time.

For several years chapter meetings were held at the homes of the girls who lived in Burlington, but in 1917 a pleasant apartment of two furnished rooms was rented. A piano was purchased and the chapter began to savor the pleasure of having its own home. In 1922 the faculty ruling which had prohibited houses to the women's fraternities was removed. Upsilon Chapter moved into a house at the beginning of the year 1922-23 and is looking forward to the owning of a house.

The scholarship of the chapter has been consistently high. The standard which it set for itself was revealed when in the year of its installation, Upsilon Chapter was awarded the Mabel Nelson Jacob's Cup. This cup was presented for competition in scholastic standing among all the fraternity chapters, both men and women, and is awarded to the chapter with the highest average standing.

With the exception of but two years since its installation, every class graduated has had among its members an Alpha Xi Delta who was also a Phi Beta Kappa. In 1916 each of the senior members of Tau Chapter made Phi Beta Kappa, Augustine La Rochelle having the highest average attained up to that time by any student in the history of the university. Her work had totaled fifty As and one B during the four years. Twice since Tau Chapter has claimed the valedictory, Pearl Snodgrass winning it in 1920 and Dorothy French in 1922.

Tau Chapter has been a vital influence in the life of the university. It was among the organizations which actively favored the introduction of student government. Blanche Albert-Miller, one of its members, was the first



CAMPUS SCENES, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

president of the Students' Union, the women's governing body. She was also one of the two girls selected to unveil the statue of Ira Allen at the services honoring him as the university's founder which were held during commencement week in 1922.

A keen interest in dramatic expression and the study of dramatic literature led Gladys Gleason Brooks and Martha O'Neil to attempt to make it a real and permanent influence in student life at the University of Vermont. Through their endeavors Masque and Sandal, a dramatic honorary society was organized. The two founders served as its first president and secretary. At a time when America is experiencing an awakening of interest in things dramatic the influence of such a society can aid materially in the transformation of the theater and its plays from a professional interest for a few people into a force which penetrates intimately into the lives of all.

Its interest in child welfare has led the chapter to confine its social service work to efforts which will either afford pleasure or give benefit to children. Many of the girls teach classes in the Sunday School at the Orphan's Home, offering their personalities as a medium through which the glory of God and His love may enter homeless lives. Christmas is made more of a joyous occasion by sharing its happiness with a number of needy children who otherwise had had no evidence of the Yuletide spirit.

An experiment in co-operative management made by six Alpha Xi Deltas in 1922-23 attracted attention in educational circles. An apartment was rented with kitchen privileges. Three squads of two members each were formed. In turn each squad cooked, washed dishes and cleaned the kitchen or cared for the rest of the apartment for one week. The work so divided bore heavily upon no one. At a time when high food prices were distressing the entire nation, these girls boarded themselves at a cost of two dollars a week, saving five dollars a week as compared with the cost of food at the dormitories. An

experiment offering a solution to the problem of high prices, carried on successfully week by week, is one more influence at work to open yet further the entrance door to collegiate education: that door which ought to swing wide enough that limited funds should be no bar if coupled with them are ambition and the willingness to work.

PHI CHAPTER, ALBION COLLEGE

The Pierian Club was organized in February, 1906, with a membership of ten girls. While it put stress upon its literary aspect and did not take a Greek name, it was to all purposes a fraternity, holding weekly meetings and carrying on the usual fraternity functions.

Mrs. Alta Allen-Loud, Grand President of Alpha Chi Omega, was at that time a resident of Albion. She believed that the college offered an opportunity for another national fraternity chapter and suggested to the girls that Pierian petition for a charter as a chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Her suggestion being accepted, Mrs. Loud gave freely of her help and advice which long fraternity experience had made invaluable.

Phi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta was installed December 3, 1915, by Lena Grandin Baldwin, assisted by Polly Fenton, Theta, and Ethel Winterfield, Sigma. The chapter's charter members were: Bess Duffey; Bertha Van Tuyl-Lone; Clara Nettell-Crete; Edna Watson-Holtz; Lucille Ball-Bridgeman; Esther Turnell; Madena Hubbard; Cecily Davis; Nina Crowley; Lelah Lisk-Waitte; Florence Coombe-Gates, and Maude Warren-Lubbs. Alumnæ members initiated during the installation service were: Lela Jane Taylor; Jean Tyndall; Bess Rutherford-Cooper; Alta McCombs; Viva Allen-Riker; Luzette Gambee-Mock, and Ethel Baker. The ceremony took place in the Alpha Chi Omega Lodge which had been generously offered for this use. Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega and Zeta Chapter of Delta Gamma entertained at



CAMPUS SCENES, ALBION COLLEGE

teas in honor of the newly installed chapter. Mrs. Loud gave a luncheon, honoring the visiting officers, and having as her guests representatives from the three women's fraternities.

Fraternity houses are not permitted the women by the college policy. In 1916 gifts from the *alumnæ* made it possible for Phi Chapter to purchase an attractive lodge which stands upon the campus. Glowing logs in its great fireplace tempt to delicious open fire cookery for informal spreads. The roomy living-room is large enough to welcome at one time both the numerous *alumnæ* who return for initiation and the pledges who are taking the vows of Alpha Xi Delta.

The Gordon scholarship cup, which was offered for competition among the women's fraternities, carried with it the condition of being held permanently if awarded for three consecutive times to the same chapter. In 1917 Phi Chapter won it twice, only to lose it. In 1919, however, the donor's requirements were fulfilled and the cup remained in its place on the mantel, never again to leave.

Phi Chapter then offered a cup to be competed for by the women's fraternities, under the same conditions. This cup was named the Mildred Chappell Memorial Cup in honor of a girl who had been pledged to the chapter at the time of its installation in Alpha Xi Delta and who had died soon afterward.

The social service work of the chapter is done in the foreign district of Albion. The chapter divides itself into a number of teams, each taking turns in supervising the playground on Saturday afternoons. In addition to the playground work, a number of the girls have come into close contact with the Americanization problem and the difficulties of those not native born through the teaching of plain sewing to foreign mothers.

The members of Phi Chapter take part each spring in a custom annually observed at Albion College by the Y. W. C. A. All of the girl students go out to the green meadows and the shaded river banks where great, long-



CHARTER MEMBERS, PHI CHAPTER

stemmed violets grow in profusion. Uncounted blossoms go to fill their baskets and later the Old Ladies' Home and the nearby hospitals receive the gifts of Violet Day.

Each alumna of Phi Chapter receives once a year a letter from the college chapter giving news of its plans and progress and telling of the other alumnæ. Phi Chapter follows each of its members with loving interest through the years after they leave Albion. Its farewell gift to its seniors is a spoon engraved with the fraternity letters. Its brides find among their wedding gifts a cold meat fork from the chapter and to every baby born to one of its alumnæ, a silver cup bears Phi's good wishes.

CHI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Nine girls met at the home of Mrs. J. W. O'Bryon on October 29, 1913, and organized the local fraternity, Pi Delta. These girls had already been close friends for over a year and organized formally with the intention of petitioning for a charter from a national fraternity. Keeping its Greek name and Greek ambitions secret, Pi Delta emerged the next year as a house club, the Kmgh Club. In the next two years the Kmgh Club built up an extremely strong membership, whose scholarship won them members in Phi Beta Kappa and whose capability brought them responsible positions in many of the campus activities.

Late in the spring of 1915 an informal petition was submitted to Alpha Xi Delta. On June 30, Hortense Miller-Cromer, Zeta, met with the active members of Pi Delta at the Kansas City home of Mrs. P. H. Bull, a sister of their president. In August word was received of the approval of their petition by the national council and by the Grand Chapter, then in convention. As soon as possible after the opening of the university that fall, the formal petitions were issued. Notice having been received of its acceptance, the members of Pi Delta were pledged to Alpha Xi Delta by Clara Gene Dains, Zeta, a



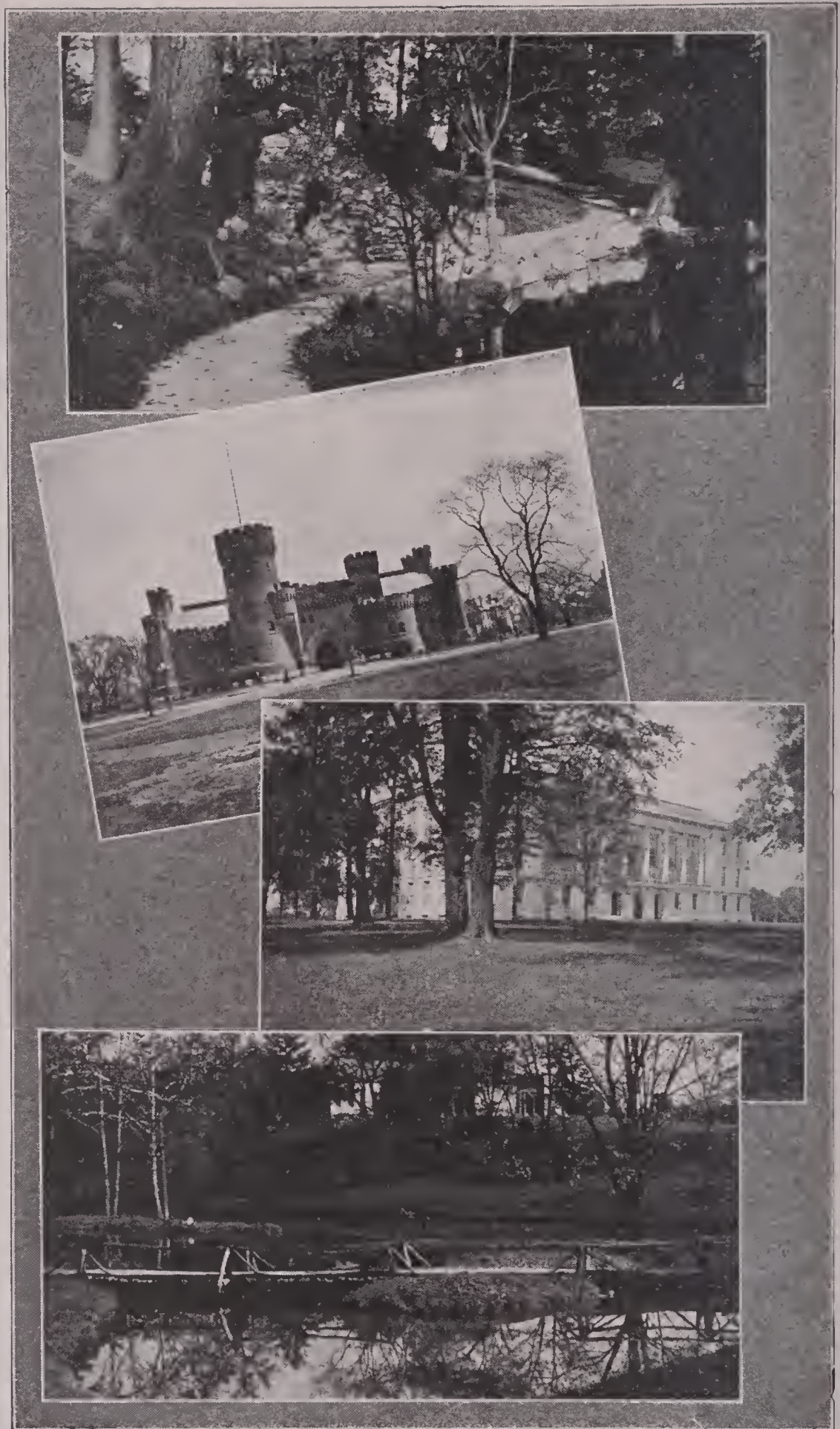
CHARTER MEMBERS, CHI CHAPTER

senior in the university. Miss Dains had been a good friend and an invaluable aid to the petitioning group.

Chi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta was installed December 10, 1915, by Lena Grandin Baldwin, assisted by Lulu Runge, Theta, and Clara Gene Dains, Zeta. With poetic fitness the ceremony took place at the home of Mrs. O'Bryon, where the first meeting of the local club had been held. Mrs. O'Bryon was the first patroness of the chapter and always a friend and helpful adviser. The members of the chapter installed were: Kathleen McCoubrie-Smith, Mildred Light Samson, Margaret Coleman-Rose, Grace Green Leat, Bertha Smith Appel, Helen Streeter, Ingeborg Sundstron Bowen, Gertrude Hurley, Josephine Himes Burns, Helen Trant, Sarah Trant, Helen Chambers Davis, Naomie Light, Maude Laury, Ruth Jackson Leatherman, Pearl Milton Lear, May Anderson and Ina Haines Taylor.

Chi Chapter owns its home at 1332 Louisiana Street. Many of the social customs center about it. Thanksgiving time sees the gathering of alumnæ and guests. The anniversary of the chapter's installation, December 10, is celebrated with a pickle mix at which the freshmen present a farce for the entertainment of the other girls. Founders' Day is observed with a banquet at the house. Mothers' Day brings with it invitations to the mothers of the girls to have dinner with them at the house on the second Sunday of May. After dinner a program is given for the guests. Each spring a house-party and dance are given for prospective rushees. A senior dinner marks the close of the year. The senior girls are the guests of the chapter and each receives a spoon engraved with the letters of the fraternity as its farewell token to them.

Christmas is usually observed with the planning and delivery of baskets of food to needy families in Lawrence. Occasionally the philanthropy is varied to a contribution of money to some cause which has appealed to the chap-



CAMPUS SCENES, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

ter. The season is not allowed to pass without the sharing of its joy with others less fortunate.

Twice each year every alumnae receives a copy of the *Chi Crier*. It brings news of the active chapter and bits of alumnae doings, keeping them in touch with each other as well as with the collegiate members.

Of all the honors at the University of Kansas which a girl may win, membership in Torch is the highest. Torch is a senior society with a membership limited to nine, election to which is by joint faculty and student vote. For three successive years Chi Chapter has had one of her members wearing the Torch insignia beneath her quill: Catherine Oder, 1921; Pauline Newman, 1922; Irene Peabody, 1923.

PSI CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Alpha Nu local fraternity was organized early in the fall of 1913. At first the fraternity was merely a group of girls from the different classes, some of whom lived in the same house and all of whom were active in many phases of college life. As the hope of becoming a chapter in a national fraternity crystalized into the definite ambition to petition Alpha Xi Delta, the number of Alpha Nu's members was slowly and carefully enlarged.

A formal petition was issued in 1915 and on January 14, 1916, Psi Chapter was installed by Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta, and Ellen Ball, Beta, assisted by Freda Spring, Gamma, a faculty member and a firm friend of Alpha Nu. Representatives from Pi and Zeta Chapters attended the service which took place at 6:30 p. m. in the beautiful home of Mrs. Hills, a patroness. The charter members were: Florence Gordon, Juanita Miller, Emily Harris, Bertha Hoborn, Florence Brobeck, Meta Moeser, Rhoda Schick, Ruth Schachne, and Adaline Giffin.

Psi Chapter early provided for a growing chapter-house fund which has now reached a figure which will soon render the ownership of a fraternity home feasible.



CHARTER MEMBERS, PSI CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Florence Gordon, Juanita Miller Lindsley, Emily Harris Thornberry.

Second row: Bertha Hoborn, Florence Brobeck, Meta Moeser.

Third row: Rhoda Schick Nusbaum, Ruth Schachne Friedman, Adaline Giffin Brown.

Meanwhile the chapter rents an attractive apartment of two rooms and a kitchenette which is just across the street from the campus.

Since its installation Psi Chapter has always held initiation at 6:30 on Sunday morning. Rising with the sun while the day is yet new and pure, the girls take the vows which bring to them a new and purer outlook on life.

In addition to the regular weekly chapter meetings Psi has a tea or spread twice each month to which only its college members come. The value of such a custom is great to a chapter whose members cannot live together and who meet rarely in classes due to the great variety in the courses of study followed.

Christmas is always a happy time when college and alumnæ members celebrate the great holiday of the year together. Mothers' Day is observed with a tea, honoring the mothers of all Psi girls and having as its honor guests those mothers who are living near enough to attend.

The scholarship of Psi Chapter is of high character. In the fall of 1922 it was awarded the cup offered by Columbus City Panhellenic Association to the chapter among the women's fraternities having the highest average scholastic standing. It was especially delightful to have Psi win at this time, for the luncheon at which the presentation was made was presided over by the president of the City Association, then Wilhelmina Slaymaker-Kinsey, one of Psi's own girls.

OMEGA CHAPTER, JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY

In the fall of 1916, Eirene Esch-Milligan, of Pi Chapter, entered Stetson University as an advanced student. Becoming convinced that a suitable field was offered here for another chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, she wrote the national council asking approval of her project. Receiving it, she organized the local fraternity, Alpha Phi



CHARTER MEMBERS, OMEGA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Marian Hanne, pledge; Lillian Carlton-Joughin, Genevieve Humston, pledge; Lillian Wells, Olga Bowen.

Second row: Lillian Fuller Cox, Ruth Honston, pledge; Myrtle Barbe-Smith, Ferne Fillingham, Bess Christianson.

Third row: Jean Eggleston, Carmen Ericson, Helen Carmine, Helen Parker.

Delta, in November of that year. In March the national council approved the issuing of a formal petition.

Alpha Phi Delta was installed as Omega Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta on May 28, 1917, by Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta, assisted by her sister, Ethel Baldwin-Bruce, Eta, and Eirene Esch-Milligan, Pi. The ceremony took place in the chapter's room in the Carnegie Library Building. The chapter installed consisted of Carmen Ericson, Lillian Wells, Jean Eggleston, Olga Bowen, Helen Carmine, Myrtle Barbe-Smith, Ferne Fillingham, Helen Parker, Bertha Christiansen, Lillian Fuller-Cox and Lillian Carlton-Joughin.

The participation of the girls in campus activities is evidenced by their numerous memberships in the dramatic, musical and athletic fraternities. The scholarship of the chapter is of high character. The City Panhellenic Association of Jacksonville, Florida, offers a cup for competition in scholarship among the women's fraternities at Stetson University. In 1919 Omega Chapter held it.

Each January the chapter gives a rose luncheon at the College Arms Hotel. Alpha Xi Delta roses form the motif of the decorations and are always used as favors. Its patronesses and as many as possible of the mothers of its members are the honor guests.

The policy of the university requires all out-of-town girls to live in the dormitories. Each chapter of a women's fraternity has a room for its own use in the Carnegie Library Building. Here are held chapter meetings, initiations, informal parties and spreads. Each year as the college months draw near their close the use of a house in town or of a cottage on the not distant Atlantic coast is secured. There, for a brief week-end, the chapter knows the pleasures of fraternity house life.



CAMPUS SCENES, JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY

ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF
PITTSBURGH

In 1917, through the influence of the Pittsburgh Alumnæ Chapter, Marguerite Roberts, Iota, then a student in the university, organized a local fraternity, Alpha Delta. The alumnæ in the city had long felt that a splendid field existed there for Alpha Xi Delta and their co-operation was enthusiastic from the first. Alpha Delta held an informal meeting on Thanksgiving Day at the home of Albertine Prince-Miller, Theta. Anna Miller-Knote met with them on December 15 and discussed plans for the future. Approval of their organization was obtained from the chairman of the faculty committee on fraternities. Muriel Scott, Delta, who was also a student, became a member of the fraternity. Alpha Delta was recognized by the university Panhellenic on February 20, 1918, and admitted to that body.

Alpha Alpha Chapter was installed on May 17, 1918, at the Hotel Schenley. Lena Grandin Baldwin and Anna Miller-Knote presided at the ceremony. Representatives from Gamma, Delta, Iota and Pittsburgh Alumnæ Chapters were present. The charter members of the chapter were: Mary Ewing, Edna Higbee, Cecil Busch, Noralie Stickle, Lucile Martin, Sarah Shaffer, Miriam Bomhard, Dorothy Hodgson, Catherine Snell, Helen Bartholomew, Marguerite Roberts, Iota, Isabel Gass, Jean Foight, Alma Swavel, Sylvia Millar, Ethlynn Arnold, Freda Clause, Muriel Scott, Delta, and Ruth Douthitt.

The City Panhellenic Association of Pittsburgh each year awards a cup to the women's fraternity having the highest average standing in scholarship. The award is made at a luncheon to which the active chapters of the university send delegates. In 1920-21 this honor was achieved by Alpha Alpha Chapter.

For many years after the admission of women students to the university the women's athletics were practically unorganized. Each group, interested in a single



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER

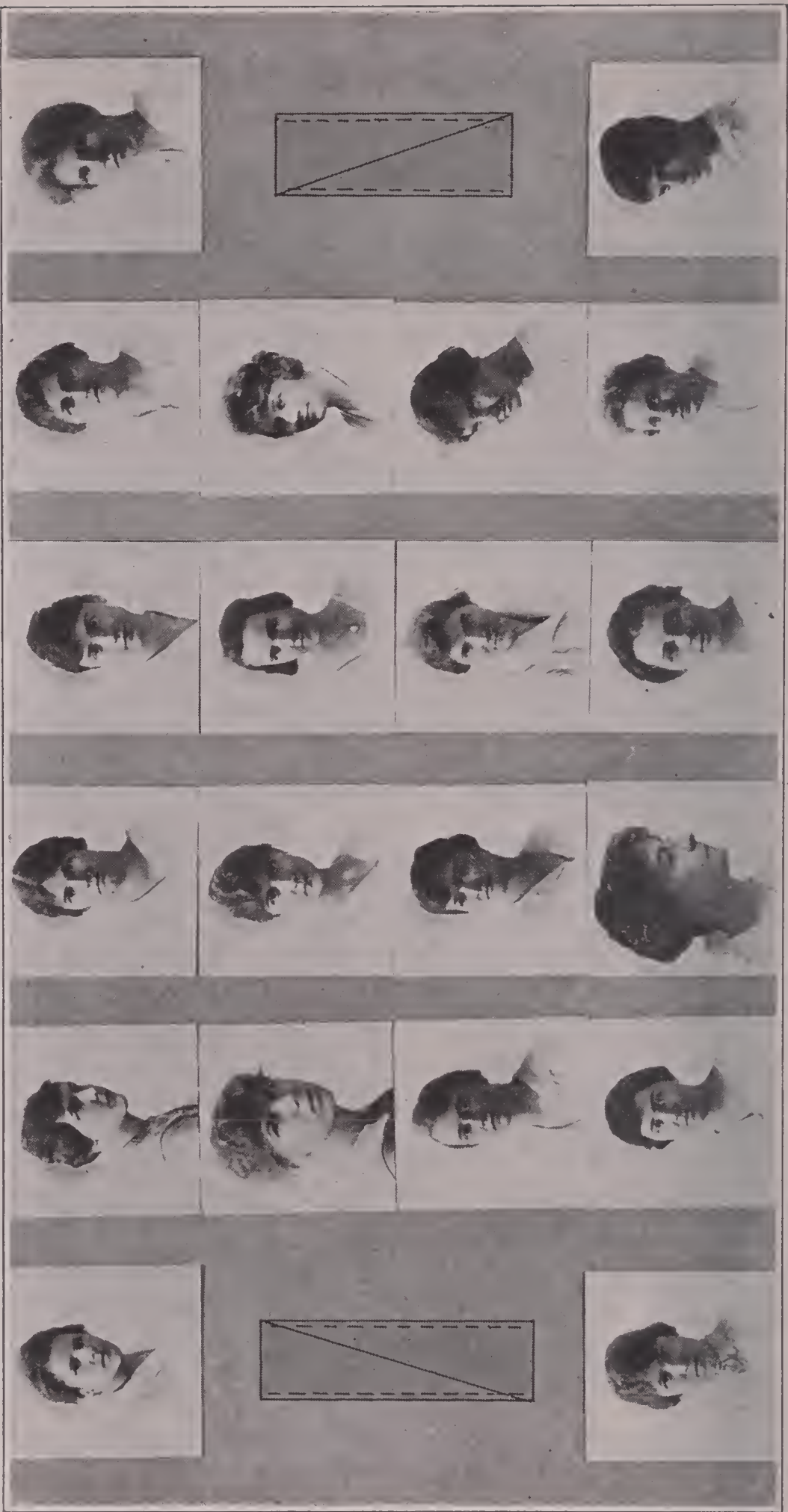
phase of athletics, went its own way to success or failure. In 1920-21 all athletics for women were brought within the scope of one organization, the Women's Athletic Association. Ethel May James served as its first president and to her fell the task of perfecting a working system which should allow the many interests to work in harmony, interfering with none and developing each. This task, with its manifold details, was carried through with splendid success. The Association is one of the most influential on the campus.

Many of the girls of Alpha Alpha are from the vicinity of Pittsburgh; near enough to each other to be within reach for a reunion at the close of the summer before the opening of the new year. Such a reunion is held each summer at the home of Ruth Wallace. There, where an outdoor swimming pool tempts with its cool water and the open spaces lure with the suggestion of corn roasts and camp fire cookery, the plans of Alpha Alpha are laid for the coming year.

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

On the evening of Thanksgiving Day, 1916, two girls were talking together and conceived the idea of establishing a local fraternity having as its goal the securing of a charter in Alpha Xi Delta. Filled with enthusiasm, they easily interested several other girls in the project. A petition was sent to President Schurman asking recognition as a local fraternity and sanction for their plan to petition Alpha Xi Delta. Winning approval from both President Schurman and the Dean of Women, the organization of Delta Pi Alpha was completed.

Correspondence was begun with Lena Grandin Baldwin, and in May, 1917, she visited the group. Approval of the issuance of a formal petition was received from the National Council the following April. This petition being accepted, Miss Baldwin motored to Ithaca from her home in Elmira and pledged the members of Delta Pi Alpha on May 13.



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

Eight days later, May 21, 1918, the installation ceremony took place in one of the assembly rooms of Prudence Risley Hall. Anna Miller-Knote and Lena Grandin Baldwin presided at the service and were assisted by six girls from Eta Chapter. The charter members of Alpha Beta Chapter are: Elsie Yates, Madeline Fries, Elizabeth Cook, Margaret Campbell, Bertha Reed, Arlouine Chesebrough, Lillian Lybolt, Ruth Lee, Agnes Meehan, Blanch Bufford, Mary Ellen Ford, Bernice Reynolds, Dorothea Durfee, Louise Grandin, Laura Brown, Gretchen Schwietzer, Grace Johnson, Marian Ploss, Olive Grosklaus and Helen Bullard.

Much credit was due the older members of the local chapter. During their last year as Delta Pi Alpha, Louise Grandin as president, successfully directed the chapter's efforts to the attainment of its national chapter.

Elizabeth Cook, one of Alpha Beta's charter members, was the first woman to specialize in Animal Husbandry at Cornell. She was made a member of Cornell's stock judging team and was awarded several gold medals for judging cattle at exhibitions throughout the country. She also won a five hundred dollar scholarship at Iowa State Agricultural College and studied there for one year.

Through the persistent efforts of Arlouine Chesebrough, Marian Ploss and Helen Baker, Alpha Beta Chapter was able to move into a house within two years of the time of its installation. The many pleasant features which living together adds to fraternity life were at once felt. A house fund has been established and the chapter is working toward house ownership.

The social service work of the chapter has been done in the poorer section of Ithaca. Dolls are dressed for the children at Christmas time. Several of the girls have volunteered each season to go to the Settlement House one night a week and help instruct in dancing.

Certain entertainments have become traditional with the chapter. Among these are the pledge party in the

winter and the senior party in the spring. Best loved of all is the Christmas party where each class surprises the others with a stunt and each member is presented with a small gift, which is fitting to some personal peculiarity.

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER, COE COLLEGE

Chi Rho Phi, a local fraternity, was founded in November, 1916. At the time when the formal organization was complete its membership consisted of seven active girls and eight pledges. The fraternity was admitted to the college Panhellenic with the understanding that it should at once begin to work toward securing a charter from a national organization. Minna Wykoff, Kappa, a member of the faculty, was a potent force in bringing Alpha Xi Delta to Coe College. She was a sincere friend of the petitioning group, giving them suggestions and help both invaluable and enthusiastic, whenever needed.

The installation of Alpha Gamma Chapter took place May 23, 1918, at the home of Carmean Ormsby-Van Zanta. Bess Williamson, Alpha, and Lulu Runge, Theta, presided at the ceremony, assisted by Minna Wykoff, Kappa, and four girls from Sigma, Mary Anderson, Julia Bryant, Marie Morrison and Lorena Bymes.

The charter members of Alpha Gamma Chapter were: Sarah Seger, Florence Geyer, Philomene Holden, Carmean Ormsby-Van Zanta, Maud Karsten, Dorothy Moninger, Helen Moninger, Junia Chalmers, Esther Myers, Sylvia White, Lulu Jones, Sarah Van Boskuk Carr, Blanche Graham, Lotia Arney, Agnes Walker, Alice Morrison, Vogel Schell, Ellen Wilson, Mildred Hoff and Doris Rolston.

The scholastic standing of the chapter has been consistently high. In the first semester of the college year 1920-21 the chapter was awarded the silver bowl given at the close of each semester by the City Panhellenic Association of Cedar Rapids to the women's fraternity having



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER

the highest average standing. Not only did the chapter rank first but one of its members, Bertha Biederman, had received the highest individual rating.

While it had as its guest in 1922, Myrtle Coker Combe, Kappa, National Visitor, Alpha Gamma instituted a new custom upon the Coe campus. It held open house in Mrs. Combe's honor at the beautiful home of Mrs. Lattner, a patroness. The guests included the members of the faculty and of the Greek fraternities, both men's and women's. The friendly spirit and better acquaintance engendered by such association is of real potential value and the custom one well worth observance.

The first issue of the chapter's bulletin appeared in 1923. Through this bulletin it seeks to keep the alumnae interested in and informed of the advance and growth of the college chapter. Bits of news concerning as many of the older girls as possible are also published, thus keeping the alumnae in touch with each other and welding the members of Alpha Gamma into a realization of the fraternity ideal, a chapter in which college and alumnae members are all co-operating with interest unslackened and energies untired.

The contributions made to the student life of Coe College by Alpha Gamma Chapter through the efforts of its members have been of unusual worth. Mary Crowe was instrumental in founding and served as president of Zeta Theta Pi, an honorary dramatic fraternity. Blanche Hill Graham was a charter member of Pi Alpha Theta, an honorary journalistic fraternity. Grace Kiner was the moving force in the organization of the "Girls' Booster Club," which includes all women students in its membership and has as its object the development and preservation of the spirit of loyalty to Coe College.

Alpha Gamma Chapter offers each year a prize of fifteen dollars to any woman student showing exceptional ability along journalistic lines and having three years experience on the staff of *Cosmos*, the college newspaper.



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Leona Dodson, Ruth Ferguson, Verna Keppinger, Helen Harbke, Ida Hendricks, Nellie Porter, Margaret Bailey.

Second row: Pearl Rosenlof, Thayer Raymond, Laura Ziegler, Frances Freitas, Helen Poling, Hazel Garber, Irene Fourier.

Third row: Genevieve Moore, Josephine Hammond, Ethel Knotts, Elizabeth Knotts, Bertha Watt, Floy Sims, Una Darby.

Fourth row: Annabelle Chandler, Margaret Dyskow, Marylee Jenks, Elizabeth Dyson, Marguerite Michel.

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER, OREGON STATE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Delta Psi was founded November 11, 1917. The following month the College Council granted its petition that it might exist as a club until satisfactory grades for two semesters should make it possible for it to be recognized as a local fraternity. Winning such recognition, it was ambitious to petition Alpha Xi Delta. During the period of its local life, Delta Psi was under the supervision of three Alpha Xi Delta women; Charlotte Hurd Wight and Margaret Templeton, both of Omicron Chapter and both faculty members, and Genevieve Bolton, Nu, a senior in the college.

At the end of its first school year arrangements were made for leasing a house for next fall. Since then the chapter has been a resident group on the campus.

Alpha Delta Chapter was installed May 30, 1919, by Ellen Ball, Beta, assisted by four girls from Nu Chapter: Sarah Harris, Dorothy Beard, Gertrude La Grave and Bonnie Bell. The pledge service was held at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon when twenty-six girls took their preliminary vows. The initiation service was the evening of the same day at 8:30 o'clock. Both services were held in the chapter-house. The charter members were: Josephine Hammond, Elizabeth Dyson, Una Darby, Hazel Garber, Thayer Raymond, Laura Ziegler, Margaret Bailey, Verna Keppinger, Genevieve Moore, Nellie Porter, Annabelle Chandler, Margaret Dyskow, Ruth Ferguson, Helen Harbke, Marylee Jenks, Ida Hendricks, Bertha Watt, Leona Dodson, Marguerite Michel, Helen Poling, Floy Sims, Irene Fourier, Frances Freitas, Elizabeth Knotts, Ethel Knotts and Pearl Rosenlof.

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN

The local fraternity, Alpha Delta, was founded through the efforts of Irene Meyer, Mary Miller-Erpeld-

ing and Myrtle Bohen, all of Phi Chapter. Phi Chapter had long wished to see a chapter of Alpha Xi Delta at the University of Michigan and recognized the opportunity which lay in the fortunate chance of having three of its members as students there at one time.

For over a year the members of Alpha Delta worked diligently in bringing their organization up to national standards. Alpha Epsilon Chapter was installed by Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta, on February 10, 1920. The installation ceremony was attended by representatives of Gamma, Pi, Zeta and Phi Chapters. The girls initiated at that time were: Elizabeth Oakes, Margaret Slater, Helen Sprick, Florence Butler, Lislá Crittenden, Inez Rieger, Mabel Cowden, Margaret Buckley-Scull, Ruth Walker, Mary Chandler, Pauline Sistig, Mildred Lawton, Catherine Lillie-Shulz, Enid Hough, Dorothy Ulbright and Theda Shaw-Holen.

Following the installation service Anna Rowley Wightman, Phi, then a resident of Ann Arbor, entertained at supper, honoring the members of the new chapter.

On the afternoon of February 21, Mrs. H. H. Seeley, a patroness of the chapter, entertained at tea, for its guests. That evening a formal banquet was given at the Michigan Union. Mrs. Hutchins, wife of the president of the university, and Mrs. Myra B. Jordan, Dean of Women, were among the guests.

Irene Meyer, Phi, acted as toastmistress, introducing the following program:

My Greeting to Alpha Epsilon.....	Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta.
Into the Spirit.....	Mrs. Jordan.
Happy Days in Alpha Xi.....	Martha Kerr-Currie, Zeta.
Into the Fold.....	Marjorie Hagel-Semon, Pi.
Gone But Not Forgotten.....	Ruth Homrighaus-Collins, Zeta.
A Sister.....	Lucile Wood, Gamma.
Nobody Knows But an Alpha Xi.....	Margaret Barrell, Phi.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter had lived in a rented house during the year of 1919-20 and found it not altogether



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Margaret Slater, Anna Irene Meyer, Myrtle Alice Bahm, Helen Ann Sprick.

Second row: Inez Rieger, Marguerite Barrell, Mabel Cowden, Mary Creamer Chandler.

Third row: Margaret Buckley Scull, Pauline Hoffman Sistig, Lila Crittenden, Bernice Woodbeck.

Fourth row: Ruth Walker, Florence Butler, Mary Elaine Miller, Elizabeth Oakes.

satisfactory. Resolved to settle itself comfortably and permanently, the chapter purchased the house it now occupies during the vacation months of 1920. The girls returned to college several days earlier than usual and "moved in" to their new home.

Alpha Epsilon has made a secure place for Alpha Xi Delta in the undergraduate life of the University of Michigan. It is well represented in both scholastic honors and the organizations of the campus.

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Xi Delta, a local fraternity, was organized one day in the fall of 1919 when the girls who composed it met for that purpose in a room in the Fine Arts Building. Jessie Kelsey Liddell was elected president. Realizing that their problems would be much simplified if they lived near each other, the girls all moved into King Hall at the beginning of the second semester. Plans were at once made to petition Alpha Xi Delta. Marie Morrison-Anderson, Sigma, of Oklahoma City, was invited to come to Norman and meet with the girls. Interested and helpful patronesses were secured, the chapter entertaining that spring at a bridge party in their honor.

The opening of the university in the fall of 1920 found Belle Vickery, Eta, a new member of the faculty as instructor in voice. She became greatly interested in the growth of the local Xi Delta, which was now living in a rented house.

Julia Steele-Eley gathered and prepared the material for a formal petition in order that it might be sent out without delay as soon as the approval of the National Council of Alpha Xi Delta was secured.

Alpha Zeta Chapter was installed May 6, 1921. Lulu Runge, Theta, presided at the ceremony, assisted by Marie Morrison-Anderson, Sigma, Belle Vickery, Eta, and Katherine Odes, Chi. The girls initiated at that time were: Jessie Kelsey Liddell, Irene Thoma, Pansy Rent-



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

Julia Steele Eley	Mary Virginia Sawyer	Iris Leadaman
Marion Prater	Bennie Henry	Ottalie Terrill
Irma Armstrong	Kathleen Haley	Miriam Evans
Pansy Rentfrow	Irene Thoma	Jessie Kelsey Liddell

frow, Miriam Evans, Ottalie Terrill, Bennie Henry, Kathleen Haley, Irma Armstrong, Iris Leadaman, Mary Virginia Sawyer, Marion Prater and Julia Steele-Eley.

Alpha Zeta Chapter observes Christmas with a children's party given for the chapter each year in the week preceding the holidays. Each girl gives to the others toys and playthings as gifts. After the fun is over the toys are carefully collected and taken to the Y. W. C. A. which uses them as gifts for children who might not otherwise have had a Christmas.

A delightful chapter custom is the senior dinner. Sometime near the end of the college year the freshmen of the fraternity entertain the chapter at dinner in a farewell honor to its senior members.

Alpha Zeta Chapter early realized the advantages which lay in house ownership. During the summer of 1922 its pleasant home was built. On September 15, the house was ready for the girls to move into, and the chapter became a permanent resident with the troublesome question of where to live definitely settled.

ALPHA ETA CHAPTER, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

In 1911 the girls living in the Marstellar Annex to the women's dormitory decided to organize their house and run it on a co-operative plan. So successful was the experiment that the organization effected was continued year after year. In the spring of 1919 the girls then living in the house made plans to rent it in their own name instead of through the university, as hitherto, and to petition the faculty for recognition as a local fraternity. On October 28, 1919, the notice of such formal recognition was received from the president of the university and the existence of the Omega Tau fraternity began.

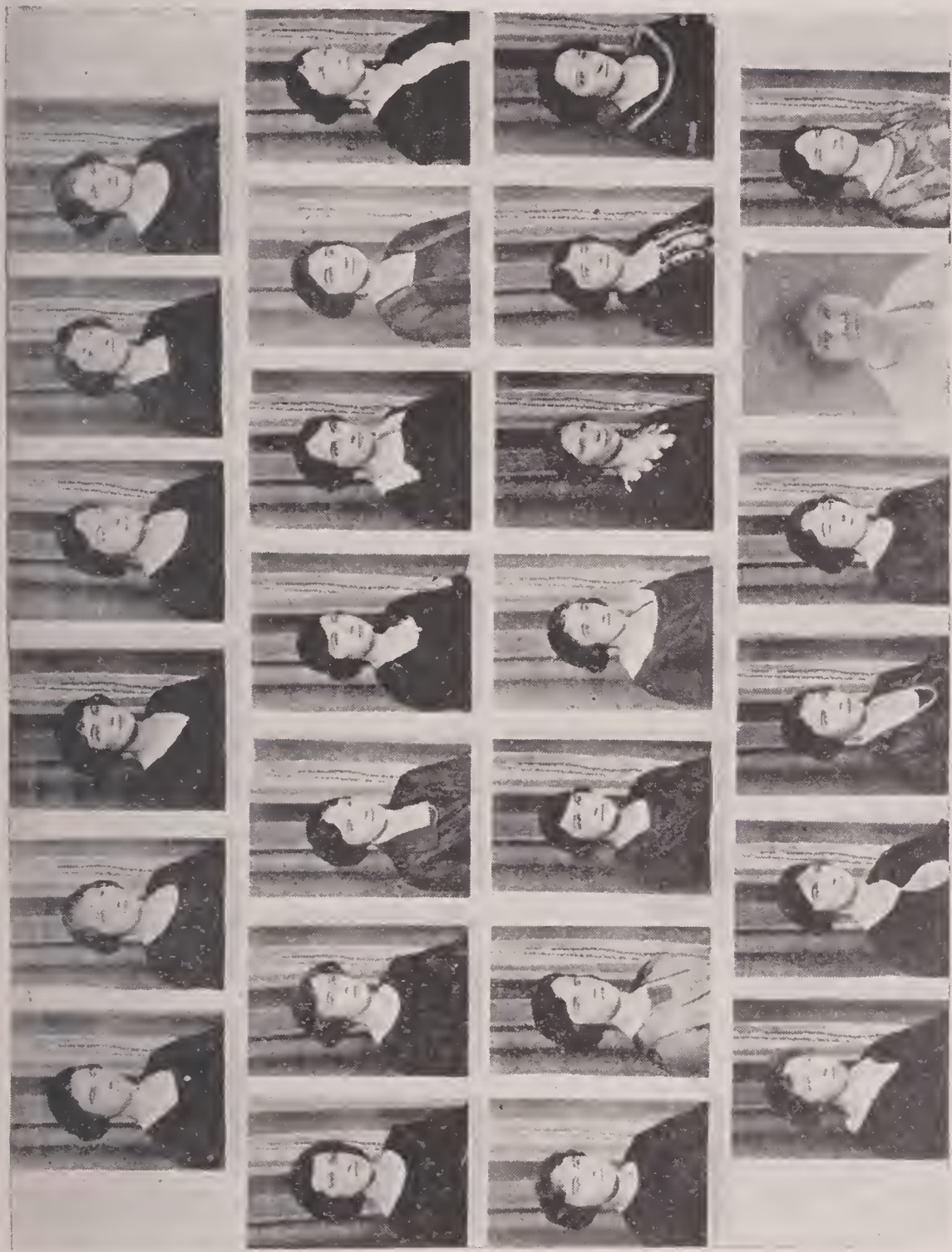
The high scholastic standing of Alpha Eta Chapter is but the tradition left it by Omega Tau. During the period in which the fraternity was a local, no member ever re-

ceived a grade below passing. For three successive semesters the Shoemaker Scholarship Cup was awarded it in recognition of the fact that its average scholastic standing was the highest among the women's fraternities. Further honor was brought to the chapter by Ruth Custer Heckard who, in 1920, was the first woman elected to Purdue Chapter of Sigma Xi.

On June 8, 1921, Omega Tau was installed as Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu, and Lulu Runge, Theta, presided at the ceremony assisted by Hortense Miller-Cromer, Zeta, and Hazel Timmerman-Timberlake, Nu. Both the pledging and the initiation services were held in the chapter-house at 116 Marstellar Street, West La Fayette. The charter members of Alpha Eta Chapter were: Hazel Arbuckle, Genevieve Baer, Charline Blind, Bernice Corkey, Eva Cullar, Ruth Dunn, Esther Forbes, Mary Furr, Ruth Goff, Gladys Hinchman, Marjorie Jones, Treva Kessler, Arlina Knoblock, Mary Latta, Okla Leonhard, Velma McClure, June Martin, Claire Place, Mary Place, Lillian Pulver, Florence Reed, Irene Seaman, Blanche Stroup, Lillian White, Ida Wilhite, Bertha Walton, and Burrel Wiselogel.

The chapter still occupies the house which once was known as the Marstellar Annex, a roomy three-story building well suited to its needs. A growing house fund is preparing for the future when other arrangements may become desirable.

Social customs which are observed year after year bring with them the background of past pleasures and enjoyment. There is a fine sincerity in the hospitality which can be offered so unfailingly. Early in each college year Alpha Eta entertains for its freshmen. They are again honored after their initiation with a dance. Four years later when the same girls are ready to leave Purdue a senior farewell party is given for them. Each year the mothers of the girls are invited to a house-party. They spend their time in cozy visits with each other and



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA ETA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Blanche Stroupe, Mary Place, Claire Place, Florence Reed, Irene Seaman, June Martin.
 Second row: Charline Blind, Esther Forbes, Ruth Goff, Burrel Wiselugel, Mary Furr, Gladys Hinchman, Genevieve Baer.
 Third row: Velma McClure, Bernice Corkey, Okla Leonhard, Marjorie Jones, Ruth Dunn, Treva Kessler, Arlina Knoblock.
 Fourth row: Eva Cullar, Hazel Arbuckle, Bertha Walton, Lillian White, Ida Wilhite, Mary Latta.

with their own daughters, in learning to know that daughter's friends and in having an intimate glimpse of her college life and college interests.

The circus is an annual event given by the students at Purdue University and looked forward to by them with the traditional eagerness which circus day thoughts inspire in small boys. The morning of the day is given up to the parade and the "big tent" is not open until afternoon. The parade is an important feature of the circus, prizes being given for the most successful floats entered in it. Much thought is given by each fraternity to making novel and original the one entered in its name. In the parade of 1922, Alpha Xi Delta's float won the first prize, making the day a truly gala one for its originators.

The social service work of the chapter has been quite varied. Many of the talented members have aided in entertainments sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. in its work with factory girls and the families of disabled soldiers. The residents of the State Soldiers' Home have enjoyed their musical ability. Hope Chapel is a mission school which offers a number of classes in different educational subjects. The teachers of these classes are volunteers who are interested in the success of the mission and many of them are Alpha Eta girls.

Alpha Eta Chapter had the distinction of being the first chapter in the entire fraternity to raise its quota in the campaign for funds for the establishment of our National Scholarship Fund in 1923. Its loyalty to the ideals of Alpha Xi Delta was evidenced in the fact that it did not cease to work for this cause when its own quota was completed but continued to aid until the national goal was reached.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Alpha Delta, a local fraternity, was established at Northwestern University through the endeavor of Frances Crane, Beta, and Reah Jane Lloyd, Phi. The Chicago

Alumnæ Chapter had believed for some time that Northwestern University offered a suitable field for a chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. Friendly co-operation between the alumnæ chapter and the local organization existed from the time of its founding.

Alpha Delta was installed as Alpha Theta Chapter on June 11, 1921, by Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu, and Lulu Runge, Theta. The ceremony took place in the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, and was attended by sixty members of the Chicago Alumnæ Chapter, representing chapters in all parts of the country. The charter members of Alpha Theta Chapter were: Frances Smith, Dorothy Brainard, Dorothy Olson, Esther Everett, Mabel Scott, Leila De Tar, Virginia Scott, Anna Catherine Harris, Esther McCormick and Jessie Olsen.

At the Eleventh Convention, 1922, Alpha Theta Chapter extended an invitation to the Grand Chapter to meet with it in the Twelfth Convention. The invitation was accepted and Alpha Theta Chapter and Chicago Alumnæ Chapter acted as hostesses to the convention of June, 1924.

Very early in its life as a chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Theta Chapter established its house fund, and is working toward the ownership of a chapter-house: a goal which it hopes to realize within the near future. The proceeds of bazaars, rummage sales and dances have gone to swell the house fund, nor has the help of the Chicago Alumnæ Chapter been negligible.

Particular honor was given to Alpha Theta Chapter when, within one year after its installation, two of its members were invited to join Shi-ai-an, a national, honorary, interfraternity organization. These invitations marked a setting aside of all past precedent, for up until that time the members of a fraternity were not admitted to membership in Shi-ai-an until two years after the installation of the Greek organization to which they belonged.

Alpha Theta is particularly active in athletics, having



FOUNDERS OF ALPHIA THETA

First row, left to right: Frances Smith, Frances Crane, B, Anna Catherine Harris.
 Second row: Dorothy Olson, Esther McCormick, Reah Jane Lloyd, Φ, Mabel Scott,
 Dorothy Brainard.
 Third row: Virginia Scott, Jessie Olsen, Gertrude Friend, Esther Everett.

at one time, 1922-23, members on varsity teams in hockey, volley ball, basketball, baseball, swimming and track and in addition claiming twin captains in Gertrude and Margaret Gesler who headed the baseball and basketball teams.

The distinction achieved by Ethel Miller is noteworthy. During her college life she found time and interest to do social service work of such splendid quality that she was chosen to make a personal study of economic conditions in England, Germany and France.

The interest of the chapter in scholastic accomplishment is reflected in the achievement of Leila De Tar, who was a founder and first president of Ro Ku Va, a woman's honorary fraternity.

Among the most interesting social customs of the chapter are those which relate to its seniors. Late in each college year its coming graduates are honored with a beach breakfast, for Northwestern's campus faces Lake Michigan. The chapter also entertains its seniors with a charming, informal party which it calls a "cozy." Its last chapter meeting for each college year is dignified and set apart from other chapter meetings by the presence of its graduating members, wearing their caps and gowns.

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER, DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Iota Chapter dates its existence from October 14, 1909, when it was founded as the "Idona Club." At that time the policy of the college prohibited the use of Greek-letter names by its societies. This policy was later abandoned and in 1911 the name Iota Delta Omicron was adopted and the fraternity admitted to the newly organized Panhellenic association.

In 1921 Delta Iota Omicron petitioned Alpha Xi Delta and was installed as Alpha Iota Chapter on September 10, 1921. Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu, and Lulu Runge, Theta, presided at the ceremony which took place in the



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Helen Bell, June Turner, Norine Wiewel, Lottie Gibson, Everil Dickinson, Alice Smith, Mildred Walters, Grace Turner.
 Second row: Vesper Price, Edna Cutler, Margaret Hawley, Myrne Wixel, Genevieve Conrad, Anna Gibson, Inez Jordan, Hildred Walker.
 Third row: Charlotte Jones, Mary Jane Brumley, Bernice Thomas, Anna Olson.

ballroom of Hoyt Sherman Place, the Women's Club building of Des Moines. The Des Moines Alumnæ Chapter attended the service during which thirty-eight alumnæ and college members were initiated. The charter members of the college chapter were: Charlotte Jones, Vesper Price, Everil Dickinson, Helen Bell, Edna Cutler, Mildred Walters, Inez Jordan, Alice Smith, Myrne Wixel, Norine Wiewel, Anna Gibson, Lottie Gibson, Anna Olson, June Turner, Hildred Walker, Genevieve Conrad, Grace Turner, Mary Jane Brumley, Bernice Thomas, Margaret Hawley.

In 1922 a house was leased and the chapter established itself as a resident group. A house fund is being provided against the time when the purchase or building of a permanent home may seem desirable.

The scholastic standing of the chapter has been of an unusually high character. In order to maintain this standard Alpha Iota asks an average of B plus from its pledges for initiation. The standing required by the university Panhellenic is C.

Chapter meetings are held on Monday evenings. The pledges meet with the active chapter during the first part of the evening. Roll call is answered by a point system which the chapter evolved for itself. A schedule of points has been made which includes participation in athletics and student organizations, chapel and church attendance, the credible passing of tests and examinations. Each girl replies to the call of her name with the total of points which she has made during that week. Three points is the minimum permitted. Less than that is considered being delinquent in what the fraternity has the right to expect of its members. Any member, delinquent in points, explains the cause to the president and loses her vote in chapter or pledge meeting until she has earned a sufficient number of points to bring her average up to the required minimum of three per week. With such earnest care for its honor, Alpha Xi Delta stands high upon Drake Campus.



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

First row, left to right: Louisa Moyer, Elsie Knox, Georgia Crikfield, Elizabeth Fraser, Beryl Bullard, Clara Louise Ausherman, Bly Ewalt, Achsa Johnson.
 Second row: Mary Robinson, Jessie Evans, Ann Robinson, Alice De Witt, Ilene Thomas, Ione Leith, Dorothy Lukert, Winifred Knight.
 Third row: Evelyn Colburn, Zattie Carp, Esther Jackson.

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER, KANSAS STATE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Helen Parker, Omega, a student in Kansas State Agricultural College in 1920-21, founded the local fraternity, Alpha Xi, in December, 1920. She was assisted in her work by Marjorie Marshbank-Parker, Nu, the wife of Professor John H. Parker. Early in 1922 a formal petition to Alpha Xi Delta was issued. Word of its acceptance reached the girls April 1. Alpha Kappa Chapter was installed by Lulu Runge, Theta, and Madeline Woodworth-Gladish, Nu, assisted by Madeline Donmeyer and her sister Bernice, Irene Peabody and Helen Marsh, all of Chi Chapter. The pledge service was held May 31 and the initiation service, June 1. Both ceremonies took place in the home of Mrs. Colburn, one of the chapter patronesses. The girls initiated at that time were: Clara Louise Ausherman, Zattie Carp, Evelyn Colburn, Mabel Cooper, Georgiabelle Crikfield, Ina Davidson, Alice Dewitt, Elizabeth Fraser, Esther Jackson, Achsa Johnson, Winifred Knight, Elsie Knox, Ione Leith, Dorothy Lukert, Louisa Moyer, Edith Reece, Ann Robinson, Mary Robinson, Ilene Thomas, Lavina Waugh.

Following the initiation service a formal banquet was given at the Gillett Hotel. The table was lovely with pink roses which had been sent by Rho Chapter. The banquet was made memorable by the announcement of the engagements of seven of the girls.

In the spring of 1922, just previous to its installation, Alpha Kappa Chapter purchased a house. It is a pleasant roomy home, well suited to its needs.

Alpha Kappa has made for Alpha Xi Delta a secure place in the life of the college. It is well represented in athletics, in campus organizations and stands well scholastically.



CHARTER MEMBERS, ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Zeta Rho Epsilon was founded December 19, 1919, by eleven girls. Ethel Sanborn, Epsilon, assistant in the botany department, and Marthe Findahl, Epsilon, instructor in the school of music, assisted them with the details of organization. The local fraternity existed as an informal group for several months, but, in answer to its petition, was recognized by the Student Council on May 7, 1920.

Articles of incorporation were filed during the summer of 1920, and that fall the chapter moved into its own home. With the advent of the fraternity as a resident group, the university Panhellenic recognized it as a voting member, granting to it all privileges accorded its national members save that of holding office. Ethel Sanborn represented Zeta Rho Epsilon as their alumnae delegate to the Panhellenic Association.

Alpha Lambda Chapter was installed on June 10, 1922, by Lulu Runge, Theta, and Ellen Ball, Beta, assisted by Ethel Sanborn, Epsilon, and Nell Branch, Kappa. Alpha Delta Chapter sent six representatives to attend the ceremony. Both pledging and initiation service were held in the chapter-house. The charter members were: Helen Smith, Maude Cosho, Ethel Wakefield, Rhett Templeton, Jeanne Coon, Delia Keeney, Mary Mathis, Helene Reed, Mary Largent, Florence Furuset, Elsie Hildebrand, Ruby Baugh, Lucile Branstetter, Pauline Tompkins, Hazel Rasor, Maud Gorrie, Dorris Sikes, Ruth Tuck, Edna Largent, Alice Baker, Gladys Benson, Quintella Reed, Joanna James, Beatrice Tidd, Mildred Youel and Margaret Skavlan.

CHAPTER V

CHAPTER-HOUSE OWNERSHIP

ACTIVE encouragement of house ownership by its college chapters has long been a favored policy of Alpha Xi Delta. In 1911 convention action was taken establishing a National House Fund from which non-interest bearing loans were and are made to chapters wishing to build or buy homes.

The making of these loans is entrusted to the national council which makes an investigation of the security offered and determines the amount and conditions of each loan. The usual period is for three years but at the discretion of the national council the loan may be renewed for two years at the termination of the first period.

Loans from the national fund are not granted until the chapter has proven its dependability and responsibility in the project upon which it is about to embark. To be eligible for a loan from the National House Fund a chapter planning to build must own a lot completely paid for. A chapter wishing to buy cannot borrow money of the House Fund until it has raised a substantial amount by other means.

At the close of the college year of 1922-23 fourteen chapters own homes. Of these Alpha, Phi and Gamma are prevented by faculty ruling from living in chapter-houses. Alpha and Phi own bungalows which stand upon their college campus and are used for fraternity purposes. Gamma's house is a three story building whose second and third floors are apartments while the first floor is reserved for the chapter's use.

Delta, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Mu, Omicron, Sigma, Chi, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Zeta, and Alpha Kappa are living in chapter owned houses. Kappa and Nu own lots upon

which they plan to build within the near future. Rho, Upsilon, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Eta, Alpha Theta and Alpha Lambda all have chapter-house funds which are rapidly approaching the point where purchase or building of a chapter-house will be feasible.

ALPHA CHAPTER, LOMBARD COLLEGE

On Tuesday, June 3, 1914, the corner stone of Alpha Chapter's lodge was laid, with impressive ceremony.



ALPHA CHAPTER LODGE
Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois

The college chapter led the procession as it approached the building site. Following it were alumnae members and the trustees of the college. Rev. Almira Cheney, one of our founders, led the devotional exercises. Addresses were given by Dr. H. W. Hart, president of Lombard College, and by Gertrude Hopps, president of the college chapter. The ceremony was in charge of Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta, who laid the corner stone. The rose and

colors worn by Rev. Cheney on April 17, 1893, when Alpha Xi Delta first made its existence known were among the things put into the corner stone.

The lodge stands on the northeast corner of the college campus. On the first floor are three rooms, a spacious reception room, a dining-room and a kitchen. The reception room takes up one half of the lower floor. It is furnished in oak and wicker. Piano and Edison give the invitation to music both to those who play and to those who do not. A fireplace makes its pledge of winter comfort and above it hangs the shield of Alpha Xi Delta. It is here that chapter meetings are held and informal entertaining done.

Opposite the fireplace a stairway leads to the second floor whose undivided space forms a ballroom. Here Alpha Chapter gives its dancing parties, adding to their charm by having them in its own home.

The change from rented rooms to the greater comfort of its lodge was made possible for Alpha Chapter largely through the efforts of Bess Williamson. She worked untiringly in securing the co-operation of alumnae and college members and in translating their dream chapter home into one of material substance.

GAMMA CHAPTER, MT. UNION COLLEGE

Gamma's chapter-house, a three-story brick building, stands just outside the college campus, diagonally across the street from Elliott Hall, the women's dormitory. Since the policy of Mt. Union College does not permit the chapter to live in its home, the second and third floors were arranged as separate apartments. The rental from them aided in the solution of the financial problems connected with building.

The entire lower floor is reserved for chapter purposes. The entrance is from the south, into a vestibule which provides for wraps. The large living-room extends across the entire front of the house. At one end

are built-in bookcases on either side of a French door which opens on the side porch. At the other end window seats flank a brick fireplace. The color scheme in this room is old blue and gray with touches of orange. The furniture is mahogany with a few chairs in gray wicker.

To the rear of the living-room are dining-room and kitchen, dressing room and bath. The dressing room is the chapter's especial pride. Its furniture, dressing table, strong-box and chairs, were old pieces bought at low prices. The girls painted them ivory color and added



GAMMA CHAPTER-HOUSE

Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio

dainty flower designs in light shades. The particularly attractive and individual room resulting has given the chapter much enjoyment for each member had part in the transformation effected.

Mr. F. E. Dussell made the employment of a landscape gardener his gift to the chapter. The terraced lawns and the beauty of the shrubbery renew appreciation each year.

Gamma Chapter is ever grateful to Hazell Purcell for her work in planning color schemes and in selecting in-

terior furnishings; to Mary Emily Kay for unlimited time spent on ways and means; to Mabel Hartzell who served as chairman of the building committee and to attorneys W. L. Hart and Sydney Geiger for legal services. Gifts of money were received from W. H. Purcell, C. Y. Kay, F. A. Hoiles, Mrs. Emma Cantine and Mrs. Katherine Webb and from the patronesses of the chapter, Mesdames W. L. Hart, S. B. Salmon, Arthur Wright, G. L. King, S. J. Williams and J. B. Bowman.



DELTA CHAPTER-HOUSE

Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia

DELTA CHAPTER, BETHANY COLLEGE

In 1920 Delta Chapter purchased a permanent home for itself. No gifts larger than one hundred dollars were accepted from a single individual. The chapter bears the enviable record of receiving some gift from practically every member on its roster.

The first floor contains two large living-rooms which are furnished in mahogany. Beyond them are the chapter room and the chaperon's suite which includes a sleeping porch.

The second and third floors are both given over to bedrooms, the furnishings being in ivory.

ZETA CHAPTER, WITTENBERG COLLEGE

Zeta's chapter-house is a two-story frame building which stands on the corner of College and Wittenberg Avenues, just one square from the college campus. Two



ZETA CHAPTER-HOUSE

Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio

great maple trees and the shrubbery which banks the porch add their attractiveness to its appearance. The porch, extending across the front and one side of the house, is made inviting by swings and comfortable chairs. The back yard, pleasant at all times of the year, is especially so in the spring time when its cherry trees are in blossom.

On entering the house, one steps into the reception hall. To the right is a music room, furnished in mahogany and cane. The living-room, which

may be entered from either music room or reception hall, is of spacious dimensions, being the width of the house. It is furnished in tapestry and a large fireplace gives its promise of cozy cheer on cold winter evenings. Beyond the living-room is the dining-room and the kitchen, the realm of a dark priestess of cookery. Six sleeping rooms and the bathroom occupy the second floor.

The house was purchased by the Springfield Alumnae Chapter. The college chapter rents it from the alumnae chapter, the rent money being used for improvements, repairs and upkeep.

The co-operation between the two chapters has resulted in the establishment of a comfortable, attractive and well organized home for Zeta Chapter.

ETA CHAPTER, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Frances Hennigar wrote in description of Eta's Chapter home:

Eta's home is situated just around the corner from our campus and is in the new fraternity section. The house is a stately gray, three-story building with a large tower. Recently Eta has added the corner lot adjoining the house. This gives her a corner location on two of the main streets and facing a large and beautiful park.

A circular porch extends nearly three-quarters of the way around the house and gives ample room for porch hammocks, lounging chairs and the like. The heavy door, with its Alpha Xi Delta crest, opens into a small reception hall. On the main floor are the kitchen, dining-room, library and music room. Under the stairs we also have a small but cozy den. Our kitchen has three large closets and a butler's pantry. Our dining-room accommodates twenty people at five small tables. In our library one finds the bookcases, the fireplace and the easy chairs. Our music room contains our nicest things—soft divans, deep, upholstered chairs, floor lamp, piano, victrola and other instruments. Both the library and music room have soft, thick rugs over polished floors and the windows are draped in rose silk over soft lace curtains. These rooms on the first floor all open into each other with wide archways and make an ideal place for informal dances.

The reception hall is furnished in brown wicker and a winding stairway leads up to the second floor. Here are five bedrooms. At the head of the stairs is a small room large enough for only one girl, but opening into an excellent sleeping porch. Next to this is the guest room with the tower adding to its size and affording an attractive bay window. Here everything is in exquisite order



VIEWS OF ETA CHAPTER-HOUSE
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

and the polished floors reflect the dainty hangings. Down the hall are two more large bedrooms each having roomy closets and comfortable bay windows. Three girls usually occupy each of them. At the end of the hall is the chaperon's room.

The stairs here lead up to the third floor which has the same number of rooms as the second floor. Throughout the house every floor is hardwood and the improvements are modern and of the best.

Eta is a growing chapter and we are all looking forward to the new house which is soon to be built on the lot next door to our present home.

THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

June, 1923, found Theta Chapter living in the house which it had built in 1911, but planning eagerly for the new chapter-house which was to be built that summer on Lake Monona. Irene Davis wrote of both houses.

Theta's first house is one of the most comfortable and home-like on the Wisconsin campus. The lower story is of frame painted a dark red and the upper part is of grey stucco. Across the entire front is a huge porch where most of the chapter congregates during the warmer months. The entrance is at one side of front. Within, the living-room is to the right and it extends across the front of the house. At its far end is a large brick fireplace, with cozy window seats on either side. Back of the living-room is a small music room used as a library, trophy-room and, at examination times, as a special study room. Next to this is our dining-room which contains one long English Renaissance table. All the rooms on the first floor are separated from each other by huge arched doorways. The feeling of unity about the downstairs is aided by having that entire floor decorated the same, warm tan walls and brown oak trim. The kitchen is located in the basement directly below the dining-room.

From the entrance hall the stairs rise directly to the

second and third floors. There are three double rooms, one single room and the chaperon's suite on the second floor. The third floor contains five double rooms. The fourth floor is finished into two large bedrooms which may be used when the house is overcrowded.

The plans for Theta's new house are about to be put into execution. We hope to be living there by 1924. The house is of English Cotswald style which means gables and entrance tower. It is of red brick with cut-stone trim. The main entrance is into the tower on one side of



THETA CHAPTER-HOUSE

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

the house. A huge hall cuts the house in half and contains the stairs leading down to the lower floor at one end and at the other the stairs to the upper floors. The front of the house is divided into a reception room and chaperon's sitting room and also contains a second entrance and enclosed stairway. On the other side of the hall are the living-room to the north and the music room and sun room to the south. Both the living-rooms and sun room have French doors opening onto the terrace which overlooks the lake. The house is three stories on the land

side and four stories toward the lake. This makes the dining-room and kitchen located ideally on the lower floor, for the dining-room extends across the entire lake end of the house and French doors give ample light and access to the loggia. Here are also located the showers and dressing rooms for bathers.

On the second and third floors are sleeping rooms which will accommodate twenty-six girls. The most pleasing features of the house are the chapter room on the second floor, the chaperon's suite and the small laundry room on the third floor.

MU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

In 1920 Mu Chapter realized its dream of owning a permanent home when the chapter was given the opportunity to purchase that of Dr. Downey, Dean of the University of Minnesota.

The house, a three-story frame building, stands well back from the street. It is set in a wooded lot to which the beauty of carefully planted shrubbery has been added. The entrance to the house is at one side and leads into a vestibule beyond which is a large central hall, whose length is that of the house. A great living-room, done in mahogany and brown, runs across the front of the house. From one end of the room French doors lead to a screened porch. At the room's other end is a fireplace with bookcases and window seats.

Across the hall from the living-room is a large and attractive dining-room with built-in buffet and china closets. Beyond the dining-room is the butler's pantry and a well-lighted, well-equipped, modern kitchen.

The second floor contains four large sleeping rooms which offer the luxury of private bath, fireplace and enormous wardrobe. The furnishings are dainty and attractive. A screened sleeping porch adds the final lure of slumber comfort.

The third floor is arranged as a dormitory.



MU CHAPTER-HOUSE
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

OMICRON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dorothy Kreiss has written the description of Omicron's chapter-house.

Our house is a three-story, cement building, trimmed



OMICRON CHAPTER-HOUSE

University of California, Berkeley, California

with a dark green wood. The steps approaching the front door are to the right of the house and lead to two porches, the first one having no roof and being surrounded by attractive flower boxes. This porch leads to the inclosed one, at the farthest end of which is the main entrance. It opens into an attractive hall off of which are the living-room, suitors' room and the stairway leading to the

second floor. The little room to the right as you enter the hall is called the suitors' room because it is there that the gentlemen are taken while waiting for any of the members. It is neatly furnished with a wicker set and among the decorations on the wall are crests of the house and that of the university.

To the left of the hall is the living-room, very light, with hardwood floors and a large fireplace. There are upholstered chairs and davenport, a table and lamp, a new grand piano, several chairs and small benches and oriental rugs covering the floor.

At the far end of the room are French doors leading into the dining-room. Here, also, are hardwood floors, side lights and comfort. There are built-in sideboards where the glasses and silverware are kept. There is one long table where the initiated members sit and two smaller ones, one of these being occupied only by the pledges. Between the dining-room and kitchen is a large pantry. The kitchen is very light and well equipped.

Going up to the front stairs, which are carpeted, one comes into a large hall from which the bedrooms open.

The first door to the left opens into the house mother's room which is neatly furnished in gray. The door following reveals a large linen closet while next to that is a little hall leading to the front room which is considered the guest room. It has two mahogany bureaus, a dressing table, couch, chairs and a large fireplace. The woodwork is all in ivory and the curtains are ivory bordered with blue hangings. There is a private bath connected with this room. At the end of the hall is another bedroom furnished in ivory and old rose. There is a large porch off this room which is entered through French doors. A fourth bedroom is furnished in ivory and has cretonne hangings. It leads to a large sleeping porch where there are four beds. All of the rooms have ample closet space.

There is also a third floor with one very large room facing the front. It accommodates three girls. A smaller room opens into another sleeping porch. On this floor there are also two store rooms.

In the garden to the back of the main house is a smaller house where several girls may be accommodated. It is a two-story building with seven rooms, bath and sleeping porch.

The flowers and lawns are given a great deal of care and add greatly to the attractiveness of the house.

SIGMA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Sigma's chapter-house is located on the corner of Brown and Bloomington Streets. It stands well back on a terraced lawn which is attractive with shrubbery and many trees and offers a charming place for garden parties.

An English basement provides for the dining-room and kitchen. On the ground floor are a reception hall and



SIGMA CHAPTER-HOUSE
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

four inviting living-rooms. Three of these open into each other with French doors and so accommodate informal dances. Beyond the living-rooms are the alumnae guest chamber and the chaperon's suite.

The second floor is given entirely to studying and dressing rooms while the third floor is arranged as a dormitory.

The house is finished throughout in oak, all the floors being of polished quarter sawed oak. Most of the wall space is given to windows so that the rooms are unusually airy and light.

PHI CHAPTER, ALBION COLLEGE

The policy of Albion College does not permit its women's fraternities to live in their chapter-houses. A lodge, which stands upon the campus, readily serves all the



PHI CHAPTER LODGE

Albion College, Albion, Michigan

needs to which it may be put, those of fraternity meetings and parties, and as a home where the girls may come and go as they choose.

One enters a reception room from which an open stairway leads to the two large rooms above. The dining-room and chapter room complete the first floor. A fireplace where great wooden logs blaze or smoulder, a dav-



CHI CHAPTER-HOUSE
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

enport which may be drawn cozily close to the fire on cold days, a victrola and piano with their offerings of music, the soft light thrown by floor and table lamps, the bay windows looking out upon the campus, all combine to make the chapter room an unusually attractive one.

The basement contains the furnace room and a well equipped kitchen.

The purchase of the lodge was made possible in 1916 by the interest of the chapter's *alumnæ*. At that time the two rooms on the second floor were only partly finished. In 1923 the *alumnæ* had this work completed as a gift to the college chapter.

CHI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Chi's chapter-house stands at 1332 Louisiana Street. It is a three-story structure built of brown shingles and faces west. The first floor contains a hall, living-room, chapter room, dining-room and kitchen. An inviting sun porch leads from the living-room and extends along the entire east side of the house.

The second floor has three large rooms for the girls, the chaperon's suite and a sleeping porch large enough to accommodate all of the girls. The third floor contains five bedrooms.

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Fern Brittain, the historian of Alpha Epsilon Chapter writes in description of its house:

Alpha Epsilon's house has a most convenient location. It is two blocks from the college campus, four blocks from the athletic field and only one and one half blocks to the car line.

The porch, furnished in reed, is roomy enough to accommodate all of the members at informal gatherings. Upon entering the house one is in a wide, central hall with walls that are lined by comfortable davenport. To the

right is a living-room, made homelike by its open fireplace, deep seated davenport, its piano and victrola. On the left is a den whose large fireplace is flanked on either side by bookcases above which are high windows. An inviting davenport placed before the fireplace adds its comfort to the room.



ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER-HOUSE

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

The dining-room pleases one with the effect of its square, gray tables and gray, paneled walls. The wall design of pastel shaded flowers is repeated in the window curtains. The butler's pantry and the kitchen are at the rear of the house.

The second floor contains five bedrooms, each having

a roomy closet. Both front bedrooms are unusually large and have been done in ivory. They are furnished with day-bed, tables, chairs, desks and dressers. The other bedrooms are furnished in oak. On the third floor are two small bedrooms and one extremely large room which is arranged as a dormitory. Here there are sleeping accommodations for all of the girls.



ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER-HOUSE

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

A colonial house with its brick walls fronted by stately white pillars; low, broad steps at either side which mount easily to the porch; such is Alpha Zeta's home.

The entrance is into the living-room which extends about half the length of the building. French doors open from it into a cozy den and also into the dining-room. Beyond the living-room lies a suite for the chapter's chaperon and a guest room. Beyond the dining-room is

the realm of the cook, pantry, kitchen, and refrigerator room and her bedroom and bath.

The chapter room is in the basement. Here also are bedrooms and shower bath for the use of the two men whom the chapter employs, trunk room, fruit room, laundry and furnace rooms.

The second floor contains eleven dressing rooms and the bath accommodations. The third floor, a single large room, serves as a dormitory for all of the girls in the house.

Through the efforts of two of Alpha Zeta's alumnae, Belle Vickery-Matthews and Julia Steels-Eley, the ownership of the chapter-house was made possible. For one and one half years Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Eley gave their time and ability to overseeing the planning, contracting, building and financing of their chapter's home.

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER, KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Alpha Kappa's chapter-house is a white, frame building located on the west side of North Sixteenth Street. Its large brick porch is vine-covered and inviting. On the first floor are a hall and living-room in one, the dining-room, butler's pantry, kitchen, lavatory and a screened-in porch at the rear of the house.

On the second floor are four bedrooms, and a large sleeping porch which accommodates twelve girls. The third floor is also used for dormitory purposes, six girls sleeping there.

The house was purchased in 1922. The cash payment was raised through the payment of fifty dollars by each charter member. The money yet to be provided for was divided into eight notes, six of which were signed by the fathers of the girls as security for the chapter. One was signed by Professor John Parker, the husband of the chapter's alumnae adviser and the eighth was paid by the National Loan Fund. The chapter is particularly grate-



ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER-HOUSE, KANSAS STATE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

ful to Professor Parker, for in addition to signing one of the notes for it, he was most helpful during the making of the financial arrangements incident to the purchase of its home.

CHAPTER VI

THE ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

ESTHER DUNNING

THE motives lying behind the organization of alumnæ chapters are revealed in a composite answer formed by the letters from many alumnæ secretaries. "We try to be big sisters." "Our aim is to perpetuate the loyal spirit of Alpha Xi Delta among its alumnæ and to assist its college members in every way possible"; "to keep alive in the hearts of alumnæ members those principals to which Alpha Xi Delta owes its being, to work for nearby chapters and for the national advancement of Alpha Xi Delta." "To serve, and to show that where an Alpha Xi is, there is a friend."

Provision was made for the organization of alumnæ in the national constitution adopted by Alpha Chapter, April 17, 1902. It provided that a charter might be granted by the Grand Committee upon receiving a petition signed by not less than six alumnæ living in the same vicinity. This number was later raised to ten and a fee of fifteen dollars assessed.

Provision was also made originally for the formation of state associations, to include any number of members resident within one state. These associations were to have the power to adopt constitutions and by-laws for themselves, to be represented at the national conventions and entitled to vote therein and were also to be responsible for an annual report upon their condition to the Grand Chapter. Impersonal at best, the state association has not attracted and none has ever been organized, the members preferring the more intimate relations of the alumnæ chapter.

The organization of the alumnæ chapter is similar to

that of any club, with the usual officers: president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, journal correspondent and treasurer. It is not unusual to find one of the officers responsible for all secretarial duties and the journal correspondence. Many variations occur in the officering of the chapters, since the organization is elastic and each adapts it to its own uses. In San Francisco the recording secretary keeps the minutes and sends out notices of meetings while the corresponding secretary handles the journal correspondence and writes any notes of congratulation, condolence or thanks which the chapter wishes to send. At Mt. Pleasant the corresponding secretary also handles all notices to the newspapers. The Kansas City Chapter has a marshal who examines new members and a chaplain who conducts the opening exercises. Several of the chapters have an officer who represents them in their City Panhellenic Association.

The alumnae chapter has about the same powers, privileges and duties as the college chapter except that of initiation or of enrolling any member not regularly initiated in some college chapter. The alumnae chapter adopts its own constitution and by-laws, which must be consistent with the national constitution.

Practically all the chapter meet once a month, usually on a Saturday afternoon at the home of one of the members. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter meets at Mu's chapter-house. After their meeting they have tea with the college girls, two members serving as hostesses for the afternoon. Chicago and Lexington Chapters have a central meeting place and take luncheon together, the one at Marshall Field's Tea Room and the other at the Phoenix Hotel. Long trips to suburban homes are thus obviated. The New York Chapter followed the same plan until 1922 when it first secured its own rooms at 52 East 25 Street.

Since the Eleventh Convention, 1922, each alumnae member is classified as active or inactive. An active

member is one who (1) is a life subscriber to *The Alpha Xi Delta*; (2) has met all obligations to her college chapter; (3) is a member in good standing in her alumnæ chapter if there is one in her city.

The place and work of the alumnæ in the fraternity's development constantly grows more important. The alumnæ chapters aided materially in bringing about the realization of Alpha Xi Delta's scholarship fund. In addition, the alumnæ chapters are doing a great deal of hospital work. The aiding of hospitals was adopted at the Tenth Convention, 1920, as a work particularly for the alumnæ chapters, many of which have chosen children's hospitals as the ones to benefit from their efforts. There is a variety in the work as each chapter responds to the needs which it finds in its own locality. Some chapters are furnishing rooms, others provide bed linens, still others make garments to be used in the children's wards. Each finds anew the spirit of the fraternity in its ideal of that universal friendship which brings all sick and needy ones close to our hearts.

Not the least of the service given the fraternity by its alumnæ chapters has been their aid in entertaining the national conventions. San Francisco, Boston, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Lexington and Chicago Alumnæ Chapters have been co-hostesses at the last five conventions. With the growth of the fraternity the preliminary work required for each convention has grown correspondingly, and it is well that older members share the burden.

While provision for the alumnæ chapter was made in 1902, it was not until July, 1904, that the first was organized at Alliance, Ohio. In its first letter to the journal the statement is made that the chapter met with "the idea of strengthening those pleasant fraternal bonds made while in college and of forming an organized ally to the college chapter at Mt. Union College."

Co-operation with Gamma Chapter has been very close throughout the intervening years. In 1917 when the fraternity house was built the alumnæ chapter as-

sumed the financing of the house, leaving to the college chapter the financial problems involved in providing furniture for it. Many plans were followed in the raising of funds. One, particularly successful, was employed by Mary Emily Kay. Her European travel had made her familiar with many Italian and French shops. She purchased at producer's prices cameos, laces, linens, beads, scarfs and embroideries. These articles met with a ready sale and the commission realized on them was donated to Gamma's house fund.

In 1909 the trustees of Mt. Union College planned the endowment of a woman's professorship as a fitting memorial to the fact that Mt. Union was the first of all American colleges to offer the same opportunities to women as to men. Alpha Xi Delta alumnae took an active part in the work of raising the funds necessary for this purpose. Out of the original campaign committee grew the Mt. Union College Association, through which our alumnae, working with other interested women, are still active in behalf of their alma mater.

The second alumnae chapter, that in Boston, was organized immediately after the installation of Lambda Chapter, March 8, 1907. Forty-five women, of whom twenty-five were alumnae, were initiated during the installation service. College and alumnae chapters always observe Founders' Day together. Two college members attend each of the alumnae meetings in order that the chapters may preserve a close contact.

In 1910 the alumnae chapter decided to offer a scholarship to the most successful student in education, then a new course of instruction. As it was several years before the scholarship would be due, it was given in the intervening years to a needy girl in Jackson College. The chapter was gratified that on the first year in which the scholarship was awarded for successful work in education it was won by an Alpha Xi Delta, Inez Gray.

In 1914 it was decided that the reward would thenceforth go to that girl who at the end of her junior year

“shall have maintained the highest excellence in a course of study broadly and wisely chosen.” In 1916 the effort was begun to raise a fund large enough that its interest would each year yield the amount of the scholarship, fifty dollars. A benefit concert marked the beginning of the campaign.

Alpha Xi Delta took part in the organization of the Boston City Panhellenic Association, December 2, 1921, being well represented at the meeting held for that purpose at the Copley Plaza.

A charter was granted to the Seattle Alumnæ Chapter in 1909. Adelaide Fischer, Nu, writes of it:

For the first five or six years the members of the chapter were content to aid the college chapter in every possible way and to continue among themselves the close friendships of college days. In 1915 Seattle Alumnæ realized the necessity of giving itself to outsiders if it would be a truly worth-while organization. With the Christmas charity of that year, a regular program of philanthropic work was begun. The following year two girls from the Parental School were given clothing. For two years during the war a French orphan was supported by the chapter and extra meetings were held during the month to sew for French relief.

During the past year, 1922, members of the Seattle Alumnæ have been interested in bringing good cheer to the Ruth School, a home for delinquent girls. Once a month a committee calls at the home, really visits with the girls, gives a musical entertainment, makes candy, or otherwise plays “big sister” to these girls who are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. One of the girls of this school recently began a nurse’s training course in a local hospital and Seattle Alumnæ Chapter has pledged itself to supply her with shoes and stockings during the two years training period. Material for two dresses was also lately purchased for another young girl whose need was brought to the attention of the chapter by Florence

Ball, Nu, Juvenile Court investigator, Lela Parker-Pittman, Nu, volunteered to make the garments.

Throughout the history of Seattle Alumnæ Chapter there has been the aspiration to finance a house for Nu and this ambition was partly realized in April, 1920, when a corporation of college and alumnæ members was formed. At this time each corporation member signed notes to the value of one hundred twenty dollars, payable in ten equal installments. From these notes as well as from the proceeds of sales, a substantial beginning has been made.

At the present writing, September, 1922, Seattle Alumnæ Chapter has about sixty-five members in good standing. To accommodate many of the girls who are in offices and who cannot attend the Saturday afternoon luncheon and meeting, it was voted in 1921 to hold each alternate meeting in the evening with an informal dinner or pickle-mix preceding. Most of these evening meetings have taken place at the chapter-house, permitting the alumnæ to become better acquainted with the college girls. This plan of frequently getting together in the evening has proven so successful in keeping our business girls in the chapter that it gives every indication of becoming a permanent part of our chapter history.

We have a few customs or traditions. First, there are the Alpha Xi Delta teaspoons for brides. A half dozen of these spoons are given to each member who marries, provided she has belonged to the chapter for one year preceding her marriage. The chapter has also made a tradition of the Founders' Day celebration. This takes the form of a formal banquet, held on the Saturday evening closest to April 17, and is always carefully planned weeks in advance, with the aid of the college chapter. Finally, the annual Christmas bazaar occupies a most conspicuous place in the life of the alumnæ chapter, absorbing interest and attention throughout the work of the year. Each year as the experience of the chapter widens along that line, the bazaar becomes larger and

more elaborate until this year, 1922, it will be an all-day affair held in one of the down-town hotels, with a light luncheon to be served at noon, tea and cards in the afternoon ending with a dance in the evening.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnæ Chapter was organized in 1911. For a while meetings were held with the college chapter but after a time the alumnæ chapter began meeting separately once a month, though it continued to use the chapter rooms.

The first money laid in a house fund was collected through the dues of the alumnæ chapter. Later a corporation was formed and the home now occupied by Mu purchased. The alumnæ do much household sewing for the chapter-house, giving occasional house showers and remember its needs at Christmas time.

In 1914 the alumnæ presented the college chapter with a loving cup. Each year the name of the girl having the highest scholastic standing is engraved upon it.

At the monthly meetings of the alumnæ chapter friends are invited to come to tea and a lecture at four o'clock. These lectures are informal talks upon some timely topic. Two extremely interesting ones given during 1922-23 were "Americanization Work in Twin Cities" by Dr. E. A. Koenig and "Camp Fire" by a leader of for it and also because the meetings at which sewing is a large number of the members; both because of the need girls in that movement. Future plans include subjects of interest to teachers, social workers, politicians, mothers and bachelor girls.

The plan of monthly stunts for raising money has been developed. Card parties and bake sales are particularly popular. The alumnæ chapter has a booth at Mu's annual Christmas bazaar. Half of the returns from this booth go into Mu's house fund. The other half buys hospital work of the chapter. The sewing has interested material from which is made clothing for the convalescent children in the university hospital. This is the regular

done are held in members' homes and better acquaintance is fostered among the attending women.

In 1920 the dues of the chapter were raised from one dollar to two dollars a year. The added dollar covered a subscription to *The Alpha Xi Delta*. This action was taken in response to a plea from the national organization for better alumnæ support of the journal.

The chapter entertains each of its bride-elects, presenting her with a set of teaspoons, engraved with the fraternity letters. Thus she enters her new life, bearing with her the good wishes of her sisters.

Marguerite Faulhaber, Eta, in writing of the New York Alumnæ Chapter in June, 1922, said:

As regards the early New York Alumnæ Chapter, from the founding of the original chapter about 1911 or 1912 to the disintegration of the organization in 1916, only the scantiest information is at hand and hence very little can be said.

For some time prior to the actual reorganizing the need of such action was recognized and discussed. It was felt that the New York Alumnæ Chapter with all its possibilities should be standing for a great deal in many ways, both of itself and as a part of the national organization. Accordingly, on May 22, 1920, a small group of alumnæ members from Eta met at the home of one of them at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and took the first definite steps toward the forming of a new chapter. The following November 27, the first regular monthly meeting of the new association was held.

An election was held; a committee appointed to secure hospital work to be done at meetings and it was voted that the chapter ally itself with the new Panhellenic Association of the City of New York, then being formally organized. Later in the year, in accordance with the recommendation of the New York Panhellenic to that effect, Alpha Xi Delta, along with all the other fraternities represented in the association, adopted the first Saturday of every month during the college year as the

time for fraternity meeting. Thus a common meeting date was established and a step taken toward one of the Panhellenic goals—complete interfraternity co-operation. This schedule was to be adhered to as closely as possible but was subject to occasional change by any individual fraternity when deemed necessary or advisable.

Beyond these moves, the main point to be told regarding the meetings of the year 1920-21 is that they were all held at the homes of various members, and that whenever it could be obtained, hospital sewing was done. The institutions worked for that year were the Woman's Hospital of New York and the Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Hospital.

Considerable inconvenience of one kind and another was experienced through convening in a different place each month. Even before the end of that first year the possibility of a centrally located, permanent meeting-place for the next year was being informally discussed. The opening of the following season found this question one of the main ones under consideration. Before the third meeting of the year a suitable place had been procured—two cozy rooms at 52 East 25 Street—where the meetings have been held from that time up to the present.

The securing of this location was made possible through the influence of Winnafred Corwin-Robinson, Theta. The building is operated as a tearoom and the use of part of its second floor is granted Alpha Xi Delta for meetings without charge, provided simple refreshments are purchased from the tearoom. The expense is made very light by having two or three members act as hostess together each time.

During the year 1921-22 the practice was continued, so far as possible, of doing hospital work; this time for Yonkers, N. Y., Hospital.

The principal accomplishment of the year, apart from the securing of permanent clubrooms, was the raising of over fifty dollars for the National Scholarship Fund by means of two parties for Alpha Xi Deltas and their

friends. The first of these was an evening masquerade party at a tearoom on Greenwich Street, then operated by Winnafred Corwin-Robinson, Theta. The second was an afternoon card party at the clubrooms, held in place of the regular monthly meeting. Both were very successful, socially as well as financially.

The New York Panhellenic Association has grown rapidly in strength and importance. After practically only two years of existence plans are fairly well on the way for a Panhellenic House in New York City, a project worthy of a society representing more than three thousand fraternity women in the city, and one which will be carried to successful completion in the reasonably near future.

Panhellenic has so far held two large spring luncheons, both at the Hotel Astor, with about four hundred women in attendance at each; and one autumn tea held at Milbank Hall, Barnard College and attended by about three hundred women. The constitution calls for at least one general meeting a year, the form to be left to the discretion of the acting board.

This board consists of one official delegate from each member fraternity, the president not being considered a delegate. At its bi-monthly meetings all the real business of the organization is transacted. At these gatherings visiting delegates from any of the fraternities are always welcome.

Alpha Xi Delta has been actively represented in the association since the very beginning. The first delegate was Marguerite F. Faulhaber, Eta, and the second Winnafred Corwin-Robinson, Theta.

Myrtle Lovdal-Rosenthal, Omicron, has written the history of the San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter, which she long served as a most efficient journal correspondent.

During the years of 1914 and 1915 there was an attempt on the part of some of Omicron's alumnæ members to meet together once in a while, but no definite organization existed until the fall of 1916. The object of organiz-

ing was mainly to help the college chapter which was at that time planning to move into a larger house and was in need of a great many new furnishings. The custom was formed of having the alumnae chapter manage an annual bazaar, the proceeds of which were to go to Omicron's needs. Most of these bazaars have been very successful and have helped to meet several of the large payments when the girls first bought the chapter-house.

A secondary motive in organizing was to keep the girls in touch with each other after they left college. I think that is the thing that means most to us now in our alumnae organization. It is the tie that binds many of us, who, with our varying pursuits in life, would otherwise drift apart. Here, at our monthly meeting, held on the second Saturday of each month, with the exception possibly of June and July, at the homes of various members, the busy school teacher, the prominent doctor, the contented house-wife and mother, the active business woman, as well as the social butterfly come together with the common tie of fraternalism. It is in no other way that such a group could be united. Say what one will regarding the cultivation of a spirit of helpfulness and the power of co-operation, I think the fraternity's best gift to us all is the bond of friendship that clings through the years and makes us know that wherever there is an Alpha Xi Delta there also is a friend.

I have said that the object of organization was mainly to help the college chapter financially. We have done this through our management of and donations to their annual bazaars, through card parties and by personal subscription. The college chapter, however, due largely to the very efficient management of Alicia George, and the proceeds of card parties given by the Mothers' Club, is now quite capable of handling its own needs. Our efforts at present are centered on raising money to make up our quota of the National Scholarship Fund. Once that is done, we can resume our charity work.

We have had various channels for such work. All

during the war and until last spring, we paid for the care of a French orphan. During the time when there was a Panhellenic Association here we contributed our share of toys and food for the Christmases provided by that organization. There being no Panhellenic organization now, our Christmas charity is left to the discretion of one of our girls whose work brings her in contact with the needs of certain poor families. This year, 1922, we provided toys for five families of children. The children had been told that they could hang up their stockings—for the first time in their little lives! Imagine their joy at receiving more than one toy apiece.

We have at other times helped individual cases, as in the case of the destitute family of one of our own deceased girls. Elizabeth Kedrolovansky was one of our founders and our first Phi Beta Kappa. Word came to us that her family was starving in Russia, so money was immediately sent for their relief.

Aside from the very pleasant motive of getting together at our monthly meetings, many of us feel that we must have some more legitimate excuse for our existence. We should do something big. We have big women doing things individually in a big way. We have Hilda Howard way over in Riga, Latvia, doing Y. W. C. A. work; we have Olive Johnson, National President of Alpha Xi Delta, doing notable work here in the Americanization division of the Y. W. C. A.; we have Dr. Alice Maxwell, assistant to Dr. Frank Lynch who is head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of California Hospital. Not only has she won special repute as a successful surgeon, but she has, together with Dr. Lynch, published a book on their special line of work.

We have also, Dr. Alma Pennington who was House Physician at Vassar College and who is now establishing a practice in San Francisco; we have Evelyn Farrar-Skinner, young widow of the late Harold Skinner, nephew of the renowned actor, Otis Skinner. She has established a name for herself by playing the leading rôle in the per-

formances of *Mecca* both in New York and on tour. We have Ruth Calden Robinson, always active in some big work. This year she was on the Publicity Committee for the Alameda County Tuberculosis Society.

Even as we have girls who are doing big things individually, so should we as an organization do something truly big, and in this way be of the most value to individuals and the fraternity.

A vivid picture of the Des Moines Alumnæ Chapter comes from the pen of Virginia Hennery-Franklin, Alpha.

Our Alumnæ Chapter was granted a charter February 12, 1920. We had comparatively little trouble in organizing since we had a strong Panhellenic in Des Moines with other alumnæ chapters functioning. It was a matter of representation in an organized way. At the beginning a very informal group met occasionally and tried to foster Alpha Xi Delta spirit but not until we secured a charter did we feel any power or purpose.

Our representative in the City Panhellenic Association is Maizie Shriner. For a number of years Miriam Woolson-Brooks, Beta, served as president and acted as toastmistress or was on the program of the Panhellenic Banquet, which is the event of the Panhellenic year. This is largely attended, perhaps five hundred women is the average attendance. Offices and appearance on the programs are quite evenly distributed as Des Moines has a large Panhellenic Association.

We meet the first Saturday in every month. A luncheon at a down-town tearoom one month alternates with an afternoon at the homes; thereby appealing to both those who like the formal luncheons and those who like the "at homes."

We have Alpha Iota Chapter at Drake University here in Des Moines. Almost our entire thought and activity centers about it. The aim of our chapter at present is "service." Our Drake chapter is all absorbing. I feel that we alumnæ are reliving our college days in watching this chapter grow and are realizing just

what fraternity life means to the future womanhood by coming in contact with college girls and their problems. I believe we are so busy helping them that we are saturated with Alpha Xi Delta, national spirited as well as local.

Then we plan and plot for our "child" at Drake. This year, 1923, we have been asked to help organize rushing. While last year the alumnæ gave generously of time and effort and money, we hope to do even better.

We give one formal a year to the college chapter, generally a spring dance at a clubhouse. We always give one very elaborate tea or garden party in the fall. Last year we had a most delightful Founders' Day banquet. This year we shall probably celebrate more quietly and donate that money toward the house fund. We have also done without year books and put the money saved into the Drake house fund. At present we are helping to furnish the chapter-house.

The account of the Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter is by Margaret Coleman-Rose, Chi, who was one of its charter members.

The Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter was organized October 13, 1917, with fourteen active and eight associate members. The associate members are out-of-town members who live too far away to attend many meetings. The active list includes several members who live out as far as twenty miles from the city, but these girls are among our best workers.

The chapter requires all of its active members to keep up their membership in the Kansas City Panhellenic Association. During the year 1919-20 Alpha Xi Delta held the office of secretary of Panhellenic and during 1920-21 the office of president. During these years the Kansas City Panhellenic had as members all eighteen of the National Panhellenic Congress fraternities and an individual membership of over five hundred. The Alpha Xi Delta Chapter is an active helper in all Panhellenic work, which includes (1) serving for child welfare, (2) office

work and clinic work for the Children's Bureau of the Government, (3) serving on the "Movie Censorship Committee of the City," (4) keeping up two high school scholarships. The money for these scholarships is raised by having rummage sales, moving picture benefits, candy sales, musical teas and bridge benefits. In July, 1920, when Sigma Kappa was having its national convention in Kansas City, the Panhellenic entertained over one hundred Sigma Kappas at a luncheon and drive. The national officers were the guests of the Panhellenic and the delegates were invited to attend as members.

At the Alpha Xi Delta convention of 1920 the Kansas City Chapter had two delegates in attendance and also one associate member.

In March, 1921, when the chapter was appealed to for help with Alpha Xi Delta's National Scholarship Fund, the individual subscription was one hundred per cent and the chapter gave in addition from its treasury.

With whatever money we receive as dues, we usually help Chi Chapter in some way. In December, 1919, on the birthday of Chi Chapter the Kansas City Chapter presented it with a large, silver loving cup to be known as the "Sophomore Scholarship Cup." Each year the name of the sophomore girl with the highest average for her two years' work at Kansas University is engraved upon the cup. During the summer of 1920 the chapter made five comforters for Chi Chapter, for use by the housemother and guests. In April, 1921, on Founders' Day, the alumnæ chapter gave to Chi Chapter chintz shades and over-drapes for its solarium.

It has become a custom for the alumnæ chapter to hold its May meeting at the home of one of the members living in Edwardsville, a town midway to Lawrence and on the electric line. At this meeting the seniors of Chi Chapter are always guests and invited to become members of the alumnæ chapter.

The alumnæ of Kansas City had an especial treat in June, 1921, when Harriet Luella McCollum attended their

meeting. She told of many interesting incidents of the life of Alpha Xi Delta as a local before it became a national fraternity. Stories of the organization, choosing of the colors, name and badge made real to us all the early life of our fraternity.

The Columbus Alumnæ Chapter was organized in January, 1920. Interesting first-hand information is given in a letter from Grace Cogger-Carlson, Psi.

We work closely with the college chapter, Psi, supply their alumnæ adviser, help them with rushing, looking up girls and investigating their standing.

We try to encourage scholarship and to this end have adopted the yearly custom of presenting the girl with the highest grades for the semester preceding Founders' Day with a recognition pin at the banquet.

We have established Psi's house fund on a firm basis by having articles of incorporation drawn up and the Alpha Xi Delta Building Corporation of Psi Chapter is growing steadily. The alumnæ make up the majority of the board of directors with two college members. We stand back of a systematized campaign of follow up letters to keep alumnæ notified of college chapter affairs and bring in regular payments on house fund pledges made at graduation. We have suggested a monthly payment plan as a means of lifting the one hundred dollar pledge which all girls make when leaving college and are getting regular responses to our monthly statements from our first girls, long since out of intimate contact with the college chapter.

In the same state with the Columbus group is the Akron Alumnæ Chapter. It was organized on Founders' Day, 1920. Its strictly Alpha Xi Delta purpose is charitable work. In 1922 one hundred infant garments were made and distributed through a city nurse. In 1923 the chapter paid the expenses at Akron University of a worthy Italian girl who otherwise would have been unable to attend college.

One of the chapter's officers is its Panhellenic repre-

sentative, whose duty it is to keep the chapter informed of what the city Panhellenic requires of it. At the time when living conditions in Akron were the most congested in the United States, the city Panhellenic established Panhellenic House. It was a home not for fraternity women alone but one to which any college woman was welcome. Fifteen girls live there and twenty-seven others board there. The project is on a splendid financial basis. The Panhellenic association rents the house but owns the furnishings. The ruling body of the association is the advisory board. The Akron Alumnæ Chapter owns stock in Panhellenic House and is entitled to a representative and an alternate representative on the board.

The Springfield Alumnæ Chapter has done philanthropic work from the time of its organization. Its chief aim, however, is to help the college chapter, Zeta. In 1920 the purchase of Zeta's chapter-house was financed by the alumnæ chapter.

Cleveland Alumnæ Chapter, when first organized, was composed almost entirely of Gamma alumnæ. It was most helpful in buying bonds at the time when Gamma's house was being financed. Its co-operation is no longer exclusively with Gamma for its membership is now drawn from all of the Ohio chapters.

The Champaign-Urbana Alumnæ Chapter was organized in 1919. Its chief activity centers about Kappa's building fund and through its efforts the recent purchase of a building spot was made possible.

Not far from Champaign is the Mt. Pleasant Alumnæ Chapter. It was first organized in 1906 but was re-organized in 1916. It co-operates with Beta Chapter in many ways, assists in rushing and furnishes the college chapter with its alumnæ adviser. Ruth Willits, Beta, writes:

In a literary way our chapter is attempting to "keep up" with the best of the contemporary plays and novels. We studied and read modern plays for two

years and this year, 1923, we are reviewing the most prominent new novels.

There has also been a tentative plan made whereby we are hoping to help beautify our college grounds and campus. What we are doing for the college girls outside of our college chapter is this: many girls are coming here in rather poor financial conditions. Some of us have taken in one of these girls in our homes and, in return for some slight help with the housework and staying with the children certain evenings, are giving them their board, room and laundry.

The Tacoma Alumnae Chapter was the second alumnae chapter to be chartered in the state of Washington. Due to small numbers it existed as an informal organization for two years preceding 1921 in which year it reached its goal of ten members.

The group is an enthusiastic one. It subscribed one hundred per cent to the National Scholarship Fund. Its hospital work is done for the Cushman Hospital which cares for ex-service men. As the members sew, they read and discuss some volume of modern drama or fiction. A gift of the book is then made to the hospital library.

The Los Angeles Chapter is the only alumnae chapter besides Mt. Pleasant and Tacoma which reported special interest in things literary. It had an Ibsen course one year, "Peer Gynt" being the first work taken up.

Omaha Alumnae Chapter, organized late in 1921, invited Rho Chapter to its first Christmas party. Lincoln Alumnae Chapter co-operates closely with Rho Chapter. One of its members, Lenore Fitzgerald-Clark had the chapter-house in "apple-pie order" for the state fair one year and rented rooms to visitors. Of the seventy dollars she cleared through this venture, thirty-five dollars was placed in the hospital fund of the alumnae chapter and the other thirty-five dollars used in decorating the house.

Iowa City Alumnae Chapter is most closely interested in Sigma Chapter. It shares the work and fun of its

Christmas bazaars, aiding materially in making them successful.

Galesburg Alumnæ Chapter was organized in 1915. It has presented to Alpha Chapter a scholarship cup on which is engraved each year the name of the girl having the highest scholastic standing. The chapter sews for a local hospital and has, at different times, contributed money to the visiting nurses association. It also helped materially in financing the building of Alpha's lodge.

Since the time of its organization, the Detroit Alumnæ Chapter has been a member of the Detroit Panhellenic Association. This association has presented a loving cup to the college Panhellenic association of the University of Michigan. The cup is to be awarded each year to the women's fraternity having the highest scholastic average.

The Detroit Chapter has not confined its hospital work entirely to sewing, for in 1921 it made a donation of interesting books to the hospital for which it was working.

Madison Alumnæ Chapter was organized in 1915. It has been most helpful in the purchase of both Theta's first and second chapter-house. In addition to sewing for the Madison Hospital the alumnæ chapter determined to endow a room in it in the name of Theta Chapter. It is securing the endowment fund by devoting one hundred dollars a year to that purpose.

Theta Chapter has also the interested help of the Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter. That chapter was chartered in 1921 and its first work as an organization was the replenishment of the supply of dishes at Theta's chapter-house. Its hospital work has been sewing for the Infant's Hospital, a charity hospital caring only for babies.

Lexington Alumnæ Chapter co-operates most closely with Xi Chapter. When Xi Chapter first moved into a house in 1921, the alumnæ furnished the dining-room. The tables are long and narrow with quaint benches which slide beneath them when not in use. The design

was that of one of the girls and a local factory made the pieces. The members of the college chapter stained them, thus taking their part in perfecting a most unusual and charming room.

Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter was organized in 1912. Its membership has grown from eleven to more than sixty, representing ten college chapters. Mabel Cunningham, Zeta, writes of it:

We have been members of the city Panhellenic for many years, and last year our girls had the largest membership therein of any fraternity.

This year, 1922-23, we have published a Year Book, containing our program, two meetings of which will be devoted to philanthropic purposes.

For three years our Alpha Alpha Chapter of the University of Pittsburgh has held the scholarship cup. No higher praise could be given to its girls that to say that in all lines of endeavor they are deserving of similar commendation.

Some of our girls are teachers in our high schools, some are mothers of fine, healthy children, some hold business positions with highest efficiency and others complete the family circle, adding to the happiness of parents and helping to fulfill the span of years with valuable service.

We are interested in philanthropy, music, literature, art and science. Each year we try to improve our service to Alpha Xi Delta by raising our standards of life, rendering thereby more efficiently our efforts to serve humanity.

Syracuse Alumnae Chapter helped make possible the purchase of an ideally located house for Eta Chapter. The tables in the dining-room were the gift of the alumnae of the classes of 1914 and 1915 and the New York Alumnae Chapter.

Early in its history the alumnae chapter formed the custom of presenting a five dollar gold piece to the freshman having the highest grades for the year. Later the



FRANCES DANA CRANE
Beta and Alpha Theta



EDNA DANA CRANE, *Beta*



ALETHEA ELIZABETH SMITH, *Theta*



MARY RANDALL SMITH, *Beta*

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ALPHA XI DELTAS

award was changed to a loving cup which is held for the succeeding twelve months. An "activity locket" is awarded at the same time as the cup. It is conferred upon the girl who has been most active during the year in the worth-while organizations of the campus.

The Chicago Alumnae Chapter was organized in 1912. Its custom has been to hold one meeting a month, usually a luncheon at one of the down-town tearooms. During the war this custom was temporarily discarded in favor of afternoon meetings in the member's homes. Not only was an opportunity thus afforded for sewing for French relief but a saving of food was also accomplished. The chapter supported a French orphan throughout the period of need. In 1917 the Chicago Alumnae Chapter assisted in the formation of the City Panhellenic Association of Chicago. When the National Panhellenic Congress meets in Chicago it is customary for the alumnae chapter of the fraternity to which the acting chairman of the congress belongs to serve as hostess. Since Lena Grandin Baldwin served as chairman of the congress of 1917, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter was its hostess, a committee of its members being on duty each day. Each National Panhellenic Congress closes with a luncheon to which all members of the National Panhellenic Congress fraternities are invited. It has been the pride of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter to see that Alpha Xi Delta was well represented at the luncheon of each congress which has met in Chicago.

The Chicago Chapter is deeply interested in Alpha Theta Chapter at Northwestern University. This interest existed during the life of the chapter as a local and was evidenced at the time of installation by the attendance of the alumnae chapter in a body. The interest continues and expresses itself in the very definite form of helping with the house fund of the college chapter.

In 1922-23 four alumnae chapters were chartered: Mahoning Valley Alumnae which centers in Youngstown, Ohio; the St. Louis Alumnae which is already active in



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER
ALPHA XI DELTAS

Jessie Hillyer Donaldson, Gamma, and
her daughter, Dorothy Donaldson, Iota.

the city Panhellenic; Cedar Rapids Alumnae which will aid Alpha Gamma Chapter and the Indianapolis Alumnae. At the time of writing, June, 1923, petitions are in preparation by alumnae groups in Canton, Ohio, and Miami, Florida.

While the alumnae chapters take care of an increasingly large number of alumnae members, there are still a great many loyal alumnae who live too far from either college or alumnae chapter to keep intimately in touch with them. The Sixth Convention, 1911, made an effort to solve the problem of unbroken contact with these scattered members and give to them a means through which they might express their fraternity spirit. It provided that there be an alumnae organization, to be formed by an alumnae organizer; that alumnae not belonging to some alumnae chapter be its members, paying a fee of twenty-five cents a year. This fee was intended to finance the great amount of correspondence such an organization necessarily entailed.

Such progress was made with the work that it was continued by the Seventh Convention, Edna Johnson-Austin, Lambda, being appointed as alumnae organizer.

The Eighth Convention, 1915, further provided that each member of this organization hear from the fraternity at least once a year. This work was to be done by a group of volunteers, either college or alumnae members. These volunteers were to be given a course of training in fraternity and Panhellenic education by means of special bulletins—the work all to be under the direction of the alumnae organizer. Mrs. Austin was again appointed to serve in that capacity.

By action of the Eleventh Convention, 1922, the office of alumnae organizer was merged with that of the national vice-president. It was construed to include not only the direction of the work among the scattered members but also the active encouragement of the formation of new alumnae chapters.

The work of the alumnae is an important phase of the



JEANETTE TEETS, *Gamma*



MARGARET LEWIS TEETS



DOROTHY MILLER BARNARD,
Gamma



GRACE MILLER BARNARD, *Gamma*

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ALPHA XI DELTAS

fraternity's life. Each chapter is building not only a record of accomplishment but is representative of the enduring influence of Alpha Xi Delta in producing the highest type of American womanhood. In their fraternal relations and in all life's manifold experiences the alumnæ of Alpha Xi Delta express and fulfill the thought in the heart of the rose.

O dear earnest sisters beloved!
Gazing down in the heart of the rose,
Through bitter and sweet, through gain and defeat,
Cherish the thought that there grows.
And the thought in the heart of the rose
Will gladden your lives hour by hour;
And dear love's beauty will glorify duty
With the blooms of our bright Alpha flower.

CHAPTER VII

INSIGNIA AND HERALDRY

THE well loved badge of Alpha Xi Delta is a quill embellished by raised Greek letters of burnished gold on the feathers. It is always worn over the heart, the position adopted by our founders. They gave much thought to the selection of an outward emblem which would truly symbolize their ideals, which would be an expression to the world of all that they longed to fulfill in their fraternal life and which would ever quicken the conscience of its wearer to the duties and obligations imposed by its symbolism. The design of a quill, drawn



with a pink rose showing above it, which was presented by Louie Strong-Taylor, was among the many suggestions. This was finally chosen and at the first of all Alpha Xi Delta functions, given on May 11, 1893, the first quill was reproduced in the favors. Written upon the back of each was a quotation from Lowell:

If I were a rose at your window
Happiest rose of its crew,
Every blossom I bore would bend inward,
They'd know where the sunshine grew.

The original badges were similar to those now worn. The quill was approximately seven-eighths of an inch in

length, but in the beginning they were stickpins. Several years later the change was made to clasp pins. At that time jewels were allowed at the pleasure of the wearer. The first jewelled badge was made for Cora Bollinger-Block by Lamphere, at Galesburg. It was set with three jewels in the shaft, a sapphire flanked on each side with a turquoise. During the early years the badges varied slightly from each other in size, shape of feathers and choice of jewels. A few badges were made with the initials in black enamel instead of burnished gold.

The first indication of a desire for standardization of the badge was made in the address of Grand President Leib to the Fifth Convention. It was not until two years later, in 1911, that this was accomplished. A definite die was adopted for the official badge and the choice of jewels limited to pearls or diamonds, set within the shaft. To further insure uniformity in the badge, each convention since the Sixth has appointed an official jeweler or jewelers to serve until the following convention. Orders are filled only when received from both the college chapter and the Custodian of the Badge. The executive Secretary serves as Custodian of the Badge.

In some colleges, when a fraternity woman accepts a man's fraternity pin as the sign of their betrothal, the custom exists of chaining their pins together. This usage was discussed and prohibited by the Tenth Convention, 1920, which provided that no emblem shall be chained to the badge of Alpha Xi Delta save a chapter letter, which may be either plain or jewelled in pearls or diamonds. The Eleventh Convention, 1922, confirmed this ruling.

At the time of our beginning, pledging was done with ribbons, then the usual custom among fraternities. With the change to clasp pins, pledging was done with the quill stickpins used with the ribbons. Alpha Chapter continued the use of this quill pledge pin until the adoption of the one now in use. Following the nationalization of the fraternity, 1903, the sentiment developed that the use

of the quill should be restricted entirely to the badge. At the Second Convention, 1904, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mary Emily Kay, Eloise Patton-McKnight and Fern Fogle-Holtz, all of Gamma, who were to design a pledge pin. This committee selected the present design—an ellipse of black enamel with edge of bevelled gold and with Greek letters in gold upon the black background.

The recognition pin, to be worn on outer clothing which conceals the badge, is a triangle of black enamel bearing the three letters, Alpha Xi Delta. The Tenth Convention, 1920, appointed Kappa Chapter as a com-



BLAZON OF ALPHA XI DELTA ARMS

Arms—Azure, on a fess argent a quill pen proper; in chief three roses of the second, and in base a sword in bend sinister proper; hilt and pommel or. The blade broken at centre, and the end placed parallel, with tip at base point.

Crest—A full blown rose proper, stemmed and leaves vert.

Supporters—Two griffins rampant—each queue looped proper.

Motto: ALPHA XI DELTA.

mittee to submit new designs. This committee was continued by the Eleventh Convention, 1922.

The coat-of-arms of Alpha Xi Delta was designed by Marion Wrigley-Fischer, Alpha, and Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta, serving as a committee appointed by the Second Convention, 1904.

As selected at the time of founding, the colors were light and dark blue. The gold was added when the ritual was revised at the time of nationalization because it completed the thought to be expressed by the colors. When worn that prophetic day of our first entrance into Lombard chapel, the ribbons were tied into a bow knot caught into place with a few stitches, there being two loops and two ends of each shade. The bows measured three inches in length. For a time much larger clusters of ribbon were worn, but the present usage is a small, flat bow in which the over-lapping ribbons are placed side by side, with the badge or pledge pin worn in their center.

The pink rose was chosen as their flower by our founders in compliment to the white rose of Sigma Nu. In this manner Alpha Xi Delta recognized the help and encouragement received in the difficult task of organization from and through the members of Sigma Nu. The flower so chosen has rooted itself deep in the heart of the fraternity. It has taken its place in the ritual and in our most loved songs and has given rise to the beautiful service of the rose jar.

The adoption of a standard banner to replace the various flags and pennants then in use, was suggested by Grand President Leib in 1909. Anna Wallis, Xi, was appointed as a committee of one for this work. Two years later the Sixth Convention adopted the design she submitted. The banner is a standard of three horizontal bars; the top and bottom ones of dark blue, the top bar bearing ten stars in gold and the bottom bar a gold quill. The middle bar is of light blue with the fraternity letters in gold. Following the adoption of the design, Miss

Wallis with Xi Chapter as her committee made the first official banner for the fraternity.

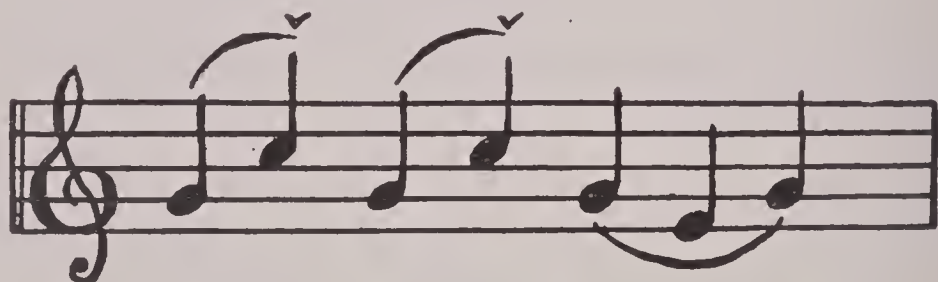
In 1922 Almira Cheney, one of our founders, wrote of the Alpha Xi Delta cheer:

Delta! Delta! Alpha Xi Delta!
Anig banan geefen way!
Sprechen Sie wohl, Alpha Xi Delta!
Avons l'intention rester!

The second line is simply Anglo Saxon words strung together and means nothing. The third line is German, "You say well, Alpha Xi Delta," and the last line is French. "Having the intention to stay!" We put that last line in apropos of the fact that there had been several locals before we started and we wished to serve notice that we were going to stay.

I was one of the committee that labored over the yell. We all contributed gray matter, so no one person wrote it. We were great devotees of the yell. We always gave it when we started home from meeting and often several times on the way. I was frequently what is now denominated "cheer leader." The yell was adopted along with everything else. As I remember it, we had it all ready for use when we emerged from our sub rosa existence, April 17, '93.

The selection of a whistled call gave to our founders much merry perplexity. That finally chosen has been transcribed by Alice Bartlett-Brunner and Eliza Curtis-Everton.



It was slurred and accented in whistling as it is written. For thirty years it has been sounded on many a campus, calling sister to sister, and never failing to bring a quick response.

The seal was designed at the time of nationalization when the necessity for written charters arose, to which use primarily it has been confined. The seal has never

been changed but an impression is now made instead of affixing a golden wafer as in the past.



SEAL OF ALPHA XI DELTA

The varied insignia of the fraternity are but symbols, expressing an idea so dear that it permits the constant repetition without loss of charm. As the melody in a musical composition is repeated over and over again, ever varied and yet ever the same, so we render the heart melody of Alpha Xi Delta through these many signs, all beloved and all familiar through long usage.

CHAPTER VIII

ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

THE Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity is a corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Ohio. By this corporate grant Alpha Xi Delta is composed of college chapters and alumnæ chapters.

The members of each college chapter are chosen entirely and exclusively from among active undergraduate or postgraduate students of the college or university wherein the chapter is situated. Students so chosen must not be members or former members of any secret Greek-letter general fraternity and may be regularly initiated only by a college chapter.

The members of the alumnæ chapters are alumnæ of college chapters who live within convenient or accessible distances of each other and who have united in petitioning for and receiving a charter as an alumnæ chapter.

The supreme power and jurisdiction over both college and alumnæ chapters and the individual members of the fraternity is vested in the National Chapter. The National Chapter is comprised of two delegates from each college and each alumnæ chapter, the national officers of council rank, all past National Presidents and the original founders of the fraternity. Absence forfeits the vote of any member of the National Chapter except representatives of the collegiate and alumnæ chapters who are entitled to vote by proxy.

The National Chapter meets in convention biennially, at such time and place as the National Council determines. The business of the conventions is handled primarily by six committees whose members are appointed by the National President. These six committees and their duties are:

1. The Committee on Jurisprudence considers such questions, documents, papers or decisions of fraternity law and organization as may be referred to it. It presents recommendations and proposed legislation for the consideration of and action by the National Chapter in convention.

2. The Committee of Credentials examines the credentials of all persons claiming the right and benefits of membership in the convention, approves and lists the names of all national officers, delegates and members, reporting the same at the first session of convention.

3. The Committee on Appeals and Titles reports upon all appeals from the proceedings of previous conventions or from the decision of any chapter. Such an appeal may be made by a chapter or by an individual member.

4. The Committee on Financing and Auditing examines and audits the accounts of the National Treasurer and also considers and reports upon all financial matters and questions referred to it.

5. The Committee on Grievances reports upon any complaints or grievance appertaining to discipline which may have been referred to it.

6. The Committee on Fraternity Dead submits fitting resolutions at each convention upon the deaths of members since the meeting of the last convention.

Of these six committees, the Committee on Fraternity Dead is the only one which serves the full term of two years. The other committees exist and function only for the period of the convention. During the interval of time elapsing between conventions the National Council assumes the duties of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

In addition to the Committee on Fraternity Dead there are two other standing committees; the Constitutional Committee and the Extension Committee. The Constitutional Committee, consisting of three members, is appointed by the National President. It reviews the constitution and considers all constitutional changes rec-

commended before making its report to the National Chapter.

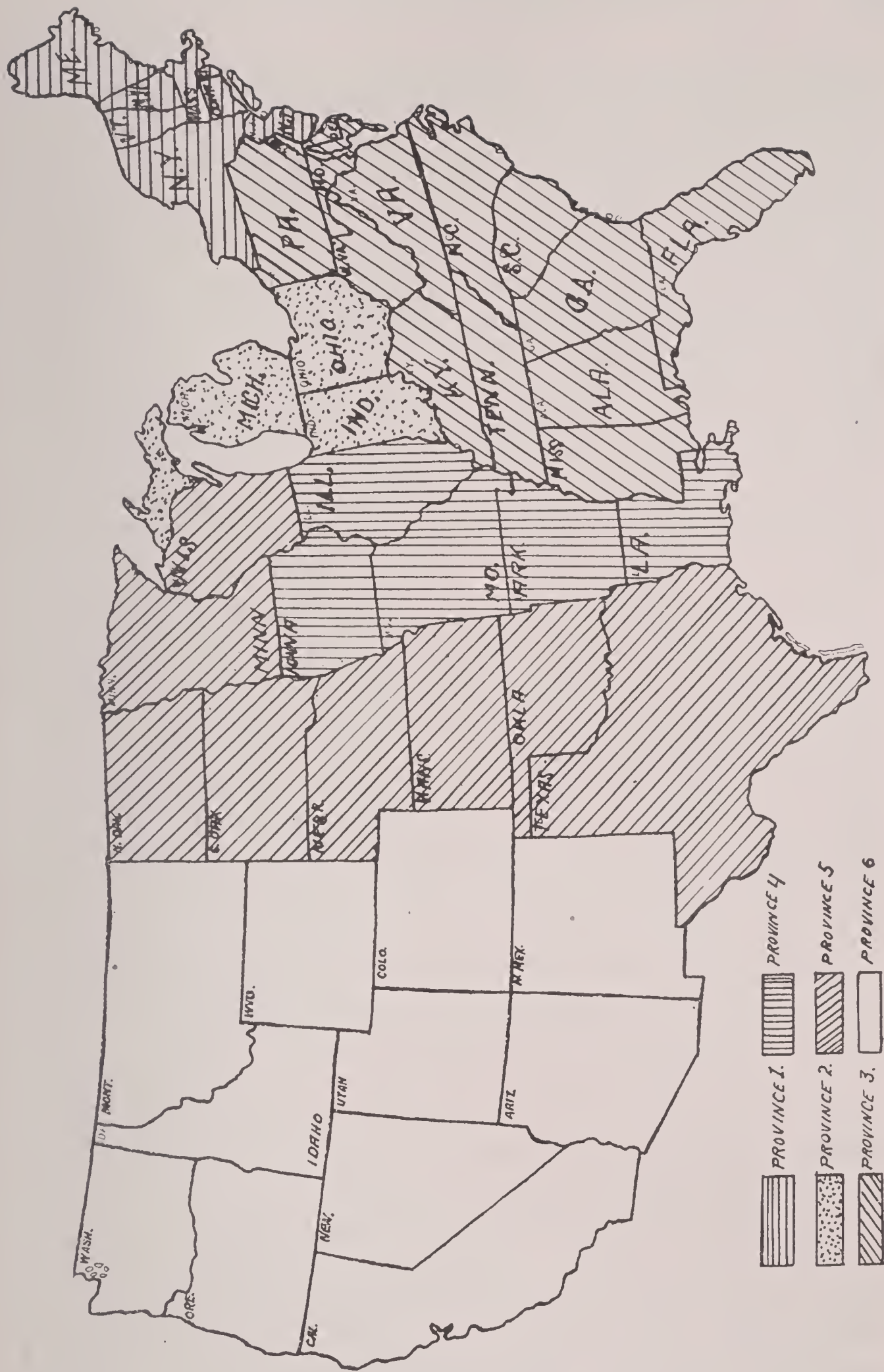
The chairman of the Extension Committee is elected by the convention. The National President appoints the other three members of this committee. Its duties are those naturally attendant upon and incident to the extension of the fraternity.

The five ranking national officers, president, vice-president, executive secretary, treasurer and visitor, form the National Council which is the administrative and executive body of the fraternity when National Chapter is not in session. The National Council is empowered to grant charters for the establishment of new chapters, to place existing chapters upon probation and to withdraw the charter of any chapter failing to observe the fundamental principles of the fraternity. The expenditure of the resources of the national treasury for fraternity purposes is vested with the National Council as is the determining and effecting of measures for the government, extension and general welfare of the fraternity. The National Council is authorized to hold meetings in non-convention years.

In addition to the usual duties of her office, the National Vice-president is in charge of all *alumnæ* work. Assisting her in this work and acting as her deputies are the province vice-presidents, who constitute an *alumnæ* committee of six members.

The executive secretary was created in 1918 by the merging of the two offices of National Secretary and editor-in-chief of *The Alpha Xi Delta*. The purpose of this consolidation was to provide the fraternity with a central office and a salaried officer who would devote her entire time to the fraternity work and supervise its routine business.

While the office of national visitor was provided for in the national constitution adopted in 1902, it was not filled actually until 1913 when Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta, was elected as its first incumbent. In the two years be-



- PROVINCE 1.
- PROVINCE 2.
- PROVINCE 3.
- PROVINCE 4.
- PROVINCE 5.
- PROVINCE 6.

tween conventions the national visitor visits each college chapter. She becomes personally acquainted with the girls, inspects and audits the chapter records and accounts, holds conferences with the dean of women, the alumnae advisor, the chapter chaperon, the patronesses and with mothers of the girls whenever practical. When possible she meets with the college Panhellenic, usually addressing that body and frequently discussing local and national Panhellenic conditions. From these many sources of information she is enabled to form an accurate and comprehensive estimate of the actual condition of the chapter and to advise it in a helpful and constructive manner. A report of her visit to each chapter is sent the National Council and the individual chapter in question.

While the custom of dividing the fraternity into geographical districts and placing each district under the supervision of a national officer had long been practiced, the present province system of government was not inaugurated until 1920 when the fraternity was redistricted into six provinces. Over each province the National Chapter elected a president who has general supervision and control within that province, subject to the National President and National Council. The province president visits the college chapters in her province in alternate years from the visits of the national visitor. She reports her opinion of the condition of the chapter to the National Council and the individual chapter concerned.

In 1922 the office of province vice-president was created to assist the province president in every way possible and to act as deputy to the national vice-president in her alumnae work.

In order that the National Chapter may have a representative in intimate personal contact with each college chapter, the National President appoints an alumnae adviser for each chapter. The adviser enjoys all the privileges of active membership except that of voting upon new members. Her duties are left largely to her

own discretion for what is most desired of the alumnae adviser is guidance sympathetic enough to adapt itself to all possible circumstances. The few fixed duties of the alumnae advisors are to conduct the fraternity examinations, to act as alumnae representative in the college Panhellenic and to furnish reports at regular intervals to the executive secretary.

The finances of the fraternity are in the hands of the National Treasurer. It is she who draws up the national budget and submits it for the approval of the National Council. The source of money in the National Treasury is from initiation fees, national dues of college members, profits on badges and fraternity novelties derived from official jewelers and charter fees of college and alumnae chapters. From these sources the finances are provided to meet the expenditures required by the large volume of business carried on by the national officers and to pay the salary of the executive secretary, the cost of visiting college chapters and installing new chapters, a portion of the convention expense of collegiate delegates and the expense of the national officers at their required assemblies. The National Treasury also assists in financing *The Alpha Xi Delta* and pays the entire cost of the publication of *The Quill*. With careful and efficient management it has been possible to provide for all these routine expenses and from the remainder of the fraternity income to gradually create a National House Fund, from which National Council approves non-interest bearing loans to college chapters wishing to build or buy chapter-houses. For a time all surplus money was added to the House Fund. In 1915, the National Chapter repealed the ruling that all the surplus must be added to the National House Fund and legislated a portion of such money into a permanent Endowment Fund.

Beyond the few necessary reports which keep the National Council informed of its progress, the national requirements of and restrictions upon the college chapters are very few. Those which do exist have been made by

the action of the college chapters as expressed through their representatives in national conventions.

The scholastic standing of each chapter of Alpha Xi Delta must be among the highest third of the women's fraternities in the college where it is located. In case of three or less fraternities Alpha Xi Delta must not stand lowest. The chapter must perform some definite social service work. This ruling was adopted in order that careful planning might make more efficient the time and service already customarily given. The delegating and sending of one representative at least to each convention of the National Chapter is obligatory as is also placing a bound copy of each succeeding volume of *The Alpha Xi Delta* in the library of its chapter-house or hall.

Likewise the individual members of Alpha Xi Delta are left free of restrictions. A life subscription to *The Alpha Xi Delta* must be taken out at the time of initiation when also a copy of the songbook must be purchased. The national organization requires each initiate to enter and to take an active part in two of the worthwhile undergraduate organizations.

The relation between a chapter and its pledges is left almost entirely to the discretion of the chapter. An official expression of opinion has been made by the National Chapter in which it stated that regular pledge meetings were necessary and would be most helpful. All chapters have adopted such meetings as a part of their customary life.

The National Chapter requires that each pledge pass fifteen semester hours of college work with an average final grade of ten per cent above the mark fixed as passing by the college. This is a condition precedent to initiation. If the pledge is unable to perform this requirement within one year of her pledging her pledge expires and may not be renewed without special permission of the National Council.

In order that all members of Alpha Xi Delta may be intelligently and fully informed of the fraternity whose

future progress and development rests in their hands, all pledges must successfully pass the freshman fraternity examination before initiation.

Alpha Xi Delta was exceedingly fortunate in that her national development followed the unsatisfactory period of experiment in the organization and government of college fraternities. Benefiting from the experience of others, costly mistakes were avoided. The organization of our fraternity and its system of government by National Chapter and National Council was originally adopted in 1902. While the system has been developed and adapted by the growth of the fraternity, the original and fundamental principles of organization and government have remained unaltered throughout the years. Thus is demonstrated the completeness and accuracy with which our founders built.

CHAPTER IX

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

SINCE the first convention when delegates from Alpha, Beta and Gamma Chapters met to consider together how Alpha Xi Delta's future might best be assured, the fraternity has found its greatest benefit in the meetings of its Grand Chapter. Here past accomplishments are reviewed and future policies determined. Here, too, meet the girls from the smaller sectarian colleges, from the great state universities, from the eastern schools with their century old traditions and from the newer institutions of the west. The opinions of all are fused together to form our national viewpoint. Not alone do the active members become acquainted. The girls also learn to know the women who give so loyally of their time and strength and ability that Alpha Xi Delta may have a future worthy of the high ideals which its founders gave it. Each convention marks a step forward, something accomplished and something undertaken. A review of the subjects there discussed and the decisions made is an epitome of the fraternity's history.

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

The First National Convention met with Alpha Chapter, May 8-9, 1903. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Marion Wrigley, Mabel Sammons; Beta, Axie E. Lute, Maude Reeves; Gamma, Mary Salmon.

Alice Bartlett-Brunner, then Alice Bartlett, opened her home at 1103 East Main Street to the business sessions. The work undertaken was largely concerned with the routine of perfecting a working organization.

The committee on Rules and Order of Business for the Convention, consisting of Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha,



FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION, GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, 1903

and Marion Wrigley, Alpha, acting with Grand President Block, formed a program which was not only accepted then but is still used.

The national constitution which had been adopted by Alpha Chapter on the ninth anniversary of Founders' Day was the work of a committee with Anna Gillis-Kimble as its chairman. This constitution was now taken

~~up article by article for discussion and approval or amendment by the convention.~~

up article by article for discussion and approval or amendment by the convention.



AXIE LUTE MITCHELL

Nothing so indicates the resolution and vigor with which their great task was approached by this assembly as the fact that provision was made for the immediate publication of a fraternity magazine to be called *The Alpha Xi Delta*. Anna Gillis Kimble, Alpha, was elected editor-in-chief with Mary Emily Kay, Gamma, as her assistant and Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta, as business manager. Not

content with a single publishing venture, the necessity of a new songbook was urged and Marion Wrigley, Alpha, Frances Arnold, Beta, and Blanche Wadsworth, Gamma, were appointed to arrange for one.

The subject of expansion and the details of arrangements for the installation of new chapters were the principal themes for discussion.

The foreshadowing of fraternity examinations is seen in the consideration of a plan to examine the delegates to conventions upon their knowledge of the constitution.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

No.	Hostess Chapter	Date	Place	Presiding Officer	College Chapters
1	Alpha	May 8-9, 1903	Galesburg, Illinois	Cora Bollinger-Block	3
2	Gamma	May 13-14, 1904	Alliance, Ohio	Edna Epperson-Brinkman	6
3	Beta	June 21-23, 1905	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	Ella Boston-Leib	9
4	Delta and Iota	Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 1907	Morgantown, West Virginia	Ella Boston-Leib	13
5	Eta	Oct. 28-30, 1909	Syracuse, New York	Ella Boston-Leib	15
6	Theta	Oct. 26-28, 1911	Madison, Wisconsin	Mary Emily Kay	16
7	Kappa	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1913	Champaign, Illinois	Lena Grandin Baldwin	18
8	Omicron	July 20-23, 1915	Berkeley, California	Lena Grandin Baldwin	20
9	Lambda	July 1-3, 1918	Boston, Massachusetts	Lena Grandin Baldwin	27
10	Mu	June 26-30, 1920	Christmas Lake, Minnesota	Polly Fenton	29
11	Xi	June 27-July 1, 1922	Lexington, Kentucky.	M. Olive Johnson	35
12	Alpha Theta	June, 1924			

The officers elected were: Grand President, Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Alpha; Grand Vice-president, Mary Salmon, Gamma; Grand Secretary, Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta; Grand Treasurer, Maude Andrew-Van Camp, Alpha; Grand Chaplain, Mary Emily Kay, Gamma; Grand Marshall, Louise Singer-Maiken, Beta; Grand Historian, Mabel Hartzell, Gamma; Editor-in-chief, Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha; Associate Editor, Mary Emily Kay, Gamma; Business Manager, Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta.

Social Side:

“By an arrangement which proved most pleasant to all concerned the convention was held at the same time Sigma Nu was holding its Fifth Division convention at Galesburg. The two chapters joined in giving a reception and dance to their delegates and visitors on Friday evening at the Lombard gymnasium, which had been decorated in the colors of the two fraternities. The reception was set for an early hour, 5:30, and soon after that time the orchestra commenced an attractive program of waltzes and two steps.

“At 9 o'clock cars were in waiting to take the merry crowd down town to their respective banquets. The boys filled one car and the girls another, but by a seemingly pre-arranged plan the car the girls were in ran off the track and the gallant young men offered their seats. When the cars started again they were filled with a mixed crowd of girls and boys who enlivened the trip with fraternity songs and yells. The Alpha Xi Deltas went to Spake's banquet hall where an elegant banquet was served. The tables, arranged in the form of a hollow square, were decorated in smilax and Alpha roses. Edna Epperson-Brinkman acted as toastmistress and the following toasts were given:

Alpha Xi Delta.....	Cora Bollinger-Block, Alpha.
What Does This Mean?.....	Mary E. Salmon, Gamma.
Sunshine and Shadows of Sorority Life..	Frances H. Arnold, Beta.
Sigma Nu.....	Edith Miller, Alpha.
Why I Am an Alpha.....	Mabel A. Sammons, Alpha.
The Pledge.....	Ella Boston Leib.

“On Saturday afternoon a reception was given the Alpha Chapter and their visitors by Pi Beta Phi at the home of Dr. White. The decorations were in their fraternity colors. Dainty refreshments were served.

“The Convention closed Saturday evening with a joint rally at the Sigma Nu house. College songs were sung and several songs composed for the occasion were rendered.”

The Alpha Xi Delta, Vol. 1, No. 1.

SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION

Gamma Chapter entertained the Second National Convention at Alliance, Ohio, May 13-14, 1904. As the women's fraternities were at that time permitted to live in houses, the business sessions were held in the chapter home. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Florence Kober; Beta, Axie Lute-Mitchell; Gamma, Fern Fogle, Anna Jones; Delta, Anna Kemp, Virginia Stewart; Epsilon, Josephine Hanson; Zeta, Mabel Bracher.

The address of welcome by Mildred Tucker, president of Gamma Chapter, was responded to on behalf of the convention by Grand President Brinkman.

The custom of initiating during convention was observed for the first time when Gussie Yost and Lucile Strong were taken into the hostess chapter.

Probably the most important feature of the entire convention was consideration of the Panhellenic movement, then just in its inception. A discussion was led by Marion Wrigley, Alpha, and the minutes of the second Inter-Sorority Conference were read. It was decided that Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha, should represent Alpha Xi Delta at the third conference.

Committees were appointed to consider designs for both a coat-of-arms and a pledge pin.

A motion was carried providing for the establishment of a convention fund, the object in view being to equalize the expenses of convention between entertaining chapters

and chapters near to and far distant from the place of convention.

A petition was received and read from the local chapter, Kappa Rho, which was to become Eta Chapter at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y. The arrival of the petition was one of the high points of interest during the entire convention.

In its report, which was unanimously adopted, the nominating committee recommended that the editor of *The Alpha Xi Delta* be made a grand officer and that henceforth a marshal and chaplain be appointed to serve during convention and that they be not grand officers.

The officers elected for the coming year were: Grand President, Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha; Grand Vice-president, Margaret Curtis, Delta; Grand Secretary, Mary Emily Kay, Gamma; Grand Treasurer, Mary A. Power, Beta; Grand Historian, Mabel G. Bracher; Editor, Mary E. Salmon, Gamma; Associate Editor, Mildred Tucker, Gamma; Business Manager, Mabel Hartzell, Gamma.

Social Side:

On Thursday evening Gamma Chapter gave a reception at its house in honor of its visitors. There were about one hundred fifty present, including the faculty of the college, the members of the various fraternities and the alumnae of the local chapter.

On Friday evening the annual convention banquet was held at The McKinley Hotel, Canton, Ohio. Forty-three girls sat down at the table. Mary Salmon, Gamma, acted as toastmistress and the following toasts were responded to:

The Girl Behind the Quill.....	Virginia Stewart, Delta.
Across the Years.....	Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Alpha.
The Wistful Barb	Josephine Hanson, Epsilon.
Alpha Xi Delta.....	Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta.
Our Reinforcements.....	Mabel Bracher, Zeta.
Our Friends, the Enemy.....	Florence Kober, Alpha.

Mrs. Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha, gave an impromptu toast on "The Joys and Sorrows of an Editor's Life."

After some time spent socially the girls returned to Alliance.

The Board of Directors of the Athletic Association sent complimentary tickets to the visitors for the Case-Mt. Union game, and after the business session on Saturday afternoon a large number of the girls went out to the ball field and added their enthusiasm to the crowd of rooters.

On Saturday evening the convention was entertained from six until eight o'clock by Alpha Chapter of Delta Gamma.

The events of the convention were closed by a musical given the Alpha Xi Deltas by the members of Sigma Nu at their fraternity home. Misses Katherine Pierce, Bertha Zeppernick and Nellie Carmen assisted in receiving.

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Third Convention met with Beta Chapter at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, on June 21-23, 1905. The business sessions were held in the Alpha Xi Delta house.

Some years ago copies of the minutes of the First, Second and Third Conventions were lost from the archives of the fraternity. This loss was minimized when a complete file of *The Alpha Xi Delta* was collected through the efforts of Polly Fenton, Theta, and Mary Rayne, Theta. The minutes of the business sessions of both the First and Second Conventions had been published in Nos. 1 and 2 of Vol. 1. Most unfortunately no minutes of the Third Convention were published in the journal. The account given confined itself entirely to the social side.

Some of the decisions then made are evident nevertheless through things undone at the time of the Second Convention and well established in the fraternity regime by the Fourth.

The incorporation of the national fraternity must have been authorized by the Third Convention for at the Fourth it is an accomplished fact. The policy of an an-



ALPHA XI DELTA CONVENTION, MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, 1905

nual fraternity examination was adopted for the following year, 1906, the first list of questions was sent out by the national organization.

The publication of the second edition of the songbook was again urged. While the project had been authorized by the First Convention it had not been accomplished. The work was now entrusted to Eta Chapter, directed by Martha Hutchings-McKean and Terese Tobin-Wright.

The committee system as adopted by the First Convention provided for a number of standing committees, consisting of two members each, to serve during the period between conventions. A third member was now added to each committee and the period of service limited to the duration of the convention.

The grand officers elected at the Third Convention were: Grand President, Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha; Grand Vice-president, Lorena Grange-Sweet, Epsilon; Grand Secretary, Mary Emily Kay, Gamma; Grand Treasurer, Mary Power-Holliday, Beta; Grand Historian, Lorena Grange-Sweet, Epsilon; Grand Editor, Bertha Cleveland-Patterson, Eta; Associate Editor, Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Eta; Business Manager, Dora Lockwood, Eta; Assistant Business Manager, Martha Hutchings-McKean, Eta.

Social Side:

Most of the delegates and visitors arrived the day preceding the formal opening of the convention. That evening an informal reception was given them at the chapter-house. On the following evening Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Van Cise, parents of one of Beta's college members, entertained for the chapter's guests from 7:30 until 9:00 p. m. at which time they left for a banquet served at Lu-berger's Cafe.

Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta, presided over the program of toasts.

To the Alpha Girl Abroad.....	Bess Williamson, Alpha.
The Alpha Rose.....	Lucille Strong, Gamma.
Spreads	Lorena Grange, Epsilon.

AnglingBertha Cleveland, Eta.
 Our Pin.....Bertha Jane Smith, Iota.
 Our Ward.....Mrs. M. B. Huston.

The last toast was given by Mrs. Huston, a patroness of Beta Chapter.

A formal reception at the home of Mrs. W. B. Seeley was tendered the fraternity by Beta's patronesses on Thursday evening. The hostesses were: Mrs. W. B. Seeley, Mrs. W. I. Babb, Mrs. W. S. Withrow, Mrs. R. S. Galer and Mrs. M. B. Huston. All were members of the P. E. O. Society whose Chapter S had become Beta of Alpha Xi Delta.

A Panhellenic reception was held on the last evening of the convention at the home of Ellen Ball. The guests were the members of the faculty of Iowa Wesleyan College, the chapters of men's and women's fraternities and other invited guests.

FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Fourth National Convention met October 31 and November 1-2, 1907, at Morgantown, W. Va., with Iota and Delta as hostess chapters. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Mabel Irwin; Beta, Mildred Brady; Gamma, Ethel Montgomery and Lucille Strong; Delta, Helen Marshall and Mary Gentry Cornett; Epsilon, Julia Sweet and Clara Salmer; Zeta, Clara Dornblaser and Edith Hawkins Smith; Eta, Miranda Myers and Martha Hutchings; Theta, Louise Erb and Ruth Strong; Iota, Crystal Courtney and Mary Cooper; Kappa, Myrtle Coker; Lambda, Ethel Fuller and Gertrude Johnson; Mu, Mary Shiely and Fannie Gordonier; Nu, Sara Anna Smith (proxy); Alliance Alumnæ, Elsie Jones and Beulah Kirlan; Boston Alumnæ, Daisy Bartlett and Betsey Harmon.

The address of welcome given by Drusilla Johnson, Iota, was responded to by Grand President Leib.

The relations existing between chapters and their pledges were discussed from various viewpoints and a

motion carried making void a pledge at the end of a year's absence, but renewing it upon a return to college. The daily observance of Alpha Xi Delta's scholarship ideals was reflected in the definition of eligibility as including only girls entering college with sufficient credits to begin the liberal arts work unconditioned.

A definite policy in expansion was stated for the first time in the recommendation that the standards of a college in regard to their scholastic requirements be the determining factor and not locality.

Provision was again made for the annual fraternity examinations, Frances Ritchey and Maude Andrews-Van Camp, both of Alpha, being appointed to draw up "ten plain questions." The benefits from the more detailed knowledge of the fraternity which preparation for an examination required caused this feature to be permanently adopted.

The success of the journal was evidenced in the report of the editor. The duties of the staff and of the chapter correspondents were defined and enlarged.

The incorporation of the fraternity, having been previously arranged, the constitution and by-laws were readopted in accordance with the articles of incorporation.

The ever increasing work of the grand committee had made correspondence between its members a truly formidable task. In the effort to lighten this work as far as possible, meetings of the grand committee in non-convention years were empowered.

Mrs. Martin's *Sorority Hand-Book*, which had been published in 1905, was adopted as the official reference book of the fraternity.

The report of the nominating committee, which was unanimously accepted, read: Grand President Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha; Grand Vice-president, Bertha G. Cleveland, Eta; Grand Secretary, Mary Emily Kay, Gamma; Grand Treasurer, Ellen Ball, Beta; Grand Historian, Clara Salmer-Cason, Epsilon; Grand Editor, Martha

Hutchings-McKean, Eta; Assistant Editor, Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Eta; Business Manager, Dora G. Lockwood, Eta; Assistant Business Manager, Edith Lawrence, Eta.

Social Side:

Dr. Purinton, President of West Virginia University, extended a kindly greeting to the fraternity at the first business session of the convention. Sincerely approving the American College fraternity system, he opened his home that evening to a Panhellenic reception given in honor of Alpha Xi Delta.

On Friday evening the convention banquet was held at the Hotel Madera. Bertha Jane Smith, Iota, acted as toastmistress, introducing the following program:

Alpha Xi Delta Founders.....	Helen Marshall, Alpha.
Alpha Builders.....	Mildred Brady, Beta.
The Future.....	Clara Dornblaser, Zeta.
The Tri-Colored Standard.....	Louise Erb, Theta.
Alumnæ	Elsie Jones, Gamma.
Alpha Xi Delta—Where is it? What is it? Why is it?.....	
.....	Mary E. Shiely, Mu.
Initiations	Myrtle Coker, Kappa.
The Mystery Revealed.....	Daisy Bartlett, Lambda.
Our Girls.....	Mrs. J. W. Leonard, Iota patroness.
New Acquisitions.....	Lorena Grange, Epsilon.

Saturday afternoon, following the final adjournment of the convention, Mrs. J. H. Cox entertained at an informal tea, given in Alpha Xi Delta's honor to the women's fraternities of the university. From five until eight o'clock of the same evening the girls enjoyed a dinner dance given for them by several of the men's fraternities. Immediately following, was the last entertainment of the week, a reception at the beautiful home of Dean Hogg, given by Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Atkeson and Mrs. Leonard, all patronesses of Iota Chapter.

FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Fifth National Convention was held October 28-30, 1909, with Eta Chapter at Syracuse, New York. Fifteen college and four alumnæ chapters were represented. The delegates in attendance were: Alpha, Berta Pittman; Beta, Elva Potts and Blanche Heiserman; Gamma, Jessie Garman and Maude Grove; Delta, Fern Hanna and Ruth McCammon; Epsilon, Lucy Amerer and Margherita Sheldon; Zeta, Helen Dornblaser and Margaret Fornshell; Eta, Helen Truair and Helen Rosa; Theta, Una Reardon and Alma Runge; Iota, Mary Stewart Fravel and Mabel Weaver; Kappa, Saidee Nelson; Lambda, Marie Wood and Audrey L. Duffey; Mu, Lucy White and Georgia Belle Elwell; Nu, Lillian Askren; Xi, Nell Wallis and Lida Jones; Omicron, Anna Wallis (proxy); Alliance Alumnæ, Olive Bracher, Gamma; Boston Alumnæ, Fannie Clement, Lambda and Laila C. Nye, Lambda.

Miranda Myers, president of Eta Chapter, welcomed the visiting Alpha Xi Deltas and Grand President Leib responded for them.

The work of the convention dealt chiefly with systematizing the business of the fraternity. The duties of all convention committees were defined, a card index system was adopted for the historian's record of membership and the fraternity was divided into districts, a grand officer being appointed as director of each division.

Important changes were made in the method of paying national dues in that all money, including journal fees, was now to be paid directly to the Grand Treasurer. This officer was to be bonded. August dues, continued for one more year, were then to be permanently abandoned.

The need for alumnæ support of the journal led to the adoption of a model form letter to be used by the college chapters in a general appeal to their entire membership for subscriptions.

Charters were granted to the Syracuse and to the Seattle Alumnæ Chapters, the required number for such chartering being raised from six to ten members. Pro-



GUSSANDA COUNTWAY,

vision was made for associate alumnæ chapters of six or more members, to be recognized by the fraternity but not chartered until their membership reached ten.

The long dream of our fraternity now first took its definite form in the discussion as to whether or not it would be possible to begin the funding of a scholarship. The reluctant decision was reached that finances did not justify it.

The design submitted by Anna Wallis, Xi, for a national banner was accepted. Miss Wallis and Xi Chapter as a committee were appointed to make the official banner for the fraternity.

A store of material was provided against the time when it would be desirable to publish the history of Alpha Xi Delta in the ruling requiring each chapter to observe Founders' Day by filing a history of the year just past with the Grand Historian. The office of Grand Historian and the chairmanship of the committee on fraternity examinations had been merged with the vice-presidency.

Other legislation adopted provided for the writing of a pledge ceremony, the purchase of a songbook by each initiate and conferred upon all ex-grand presidents the honor of a seat in convention.

The grand officers elected by the Fifth Convention were: Grand President, Mary Emily Kay, Gamma; Grand Vice-president, Gussanda Countway, Lambda; Grand Secretary, Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta; Grand Treasurer, Ellen Ball; Grand Editor, Ruth Sibley-Has-

kell, Lambda; Associate Editor, Mary Meek Atkeson, Iota; Business Manager, Katherine Keith-Stamp, Gamma.

Social Side:

On Thursday afternoon Alpha Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta gave a reception in honor of the convention delegates and visitors. The evening of the same day Eta Chapter entertained for its guests with a dance at which its patronesses chaperoned.

On Friday afternoon the members of the university faculty and the senior members of the women's fraternities were the guests at a Panhellenic reception given by Eta Chapter at the home of Mrs. F. A. Saunders. No formal arrangements were made for Friday evening which was spent by the girls in becoming better acquainted with each other.

The convention banquet was held Saturday evening with Terese Tobin-Wright, Eta, acting as toastmistress. She presided over the following program:

Onward.....	Lucy White, Mu.
Unity.....	Martha Hutchings-McKean, Eta.
Romance.....	Audrey Duffey-Blagbrough, Lambda.
Annals.....	Berta Pittman-McRae, Alpha.
Loyalty.....	Jessie Garman, Gamma.
Purpose.....	Lillian Essary-Askren, Nu.
Hospitality.....	Lida Jones-Atkins, Xi.
Afterglow.....	Fannie Clement, Lambda.

SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Sixth National Convention met October 26-28, 1911, with Theta Chapter at Madison, Wisconsin. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Beatrice Trench, Helen Ream; Beta, Helen Walker; Gamma, Carrie Spring, Hazel Purcell; Epsilon, Marion Williams; Zeta, Martha Lowry; Eta, Ethel Baldwin, Hazel Ellis; Theta, Agnes Dairs, Vernie L. McCann; Iota, Mary Meek Atkeson; Kappa, Madeline Dryer, Byne Goodman; Lambda, Edith Bradford; Mu, Florence Donahue, Blanche Grand-Maitre;

Nu, Ruth Marie Sauter, Mary McHenry; Xi, Mary Kinkead Venable; Omicron, Ruth Stark; Pi, Virginia Crisenberry, Key Wenrick; Alliance Alumnæ, Katherine Keith; Boston Alumnæ, Alice Cummings; Pittsburgh Alumnæ, Anna Miller-Knote.

Henrietta Rissman gave an address of welcome from Theta Chapter and Grand President Kay responded to it.

The approval of chapter-house ownership was expressed as an active policy of the fraternity in the provision that all funds in the treasury in excess of twelve hundred dollars be set aside for a house fund. The money thus accumulated was to be loaned without interest, in such amounts as the Grand Council might deem advisable, to chapters wishing to build or buy homes.

The awarding of an official honor ring in recognition of high individual scholastic standing was approved. The requirements for this honor being fixed as election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi or an average for the four years of ninety per cent.

Provision was made for the organization of alumnæ not reached by membership in alumnæ chapters. This work was to be in charge of an alumnæ organizer, appointed by the Grand President. A fee of twenty-five cents from each individual member provided the financial support required. The increasing dependence of the fraternity upon its alumnæ members was reflected in the creation of the office of alumnæ adviser to each college chapter and the addition of an alumnæ editor to the journal staff. Life subscriptions to *The Alpha Xi Delta* were authorized and an official cover design adopted for the journal. It was further provided that the directory should be published independently of the journal instead of being one of its numbers as heretofore.

The growth of the fraternity had rendered necessary its redistricting. It was further provided that, at each convention the Grand President appoint an extension committee to serve for the succeeding two years.

The growing desire in the fraternity for a standard-



ALPHA XI DELTA CONVENTION, MADISON, WIS., 1911

ized pin resulted in legislation accepting only one die as official. Jewels were limited to pearls or diamonds set within the shaft. It was provided that the pin of a sister

who died should be buried with her unless she had arranged to give it to another member of Alpha Xi Delta.



MARTHA FARGO, *Kappa* •

The report of Anna Wallis, Xi, concerning the emblematic meaning of the official banner was adopted. Miss Wallis with Xi Chapter as a committee was appointed to make the banner. Its ownership was limited to members of the fraternity.

The subject matter of the annual fraternity examination was to be given, henceforth by classes. Pledged girls were

now to be examined upon their knowledge of the fraternity's songs previous to their initiation.

The limit upon the number of members in a chapter was removed. The holding of open house to all their friends by each chapter at least once a semester was accepted as the symbol of Alpha Xi Delta's universal friendliness.

The Grand Officers elected by the Sixth Convention were: Grand President, Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta; Grand Vice-president, Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta; Grand Secretary, Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda; Grand Treasurer, Ellen Ball, Beta; Grand Editor, Polly Fenton, Theta; Associate Editor, Mary Meek Atkeson, Iota; Alumnæ Editor, Martha Fargo, Kappa; Business Manager, Mary Rayne, Theta; Extension Secretary, Gus-sanda Countway, Lambda.

Social Side:

On Thursday, the first evening of convention, Theta Chapter entertained its guests with a "vodvil" given at the Al-Fussy-Del-Tah Theater. Eight clever and amusing acts were presented after which Alpha Xi Delta songs and the different alma mater songs were sung.

Friday evening a formal dance was held in the Woman's Building, the ballroom being decorated with southern smilax and tinsel. Bowls of roses filled the side rooms with their pleasant fragrance.

Saturday afternoon an informal reception was held at the chapter-house. Following it the convention banquet was held in Lathrop Hall. Agnes Davis acted as toastmistress, introducing the evening's program.

The Call of the Alphas.....Mary Emily Kay, Gamma.
 When an Alpha Meets an Alpha.....Margaret Hurt, Delta.
 Reunion Song.....Julia Gibbs-Adams, Lambda.
 I'm a Happy Carefree Greek.....Byne Goodman, Kappa.
 The Thought Behind the Rose.....Helen Walker, Beta.
 The Band of True Alphas.....Key Wenrick, Pi.
 The College Cycle.....Martha Lowry, Zeta.
 A Pledge to Alpha Xi Delta.....Blanche Grand-Maitre, Mu.
 Farewell Song.....Ruth Stark, Omicron.

SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Seventh National Convention met with Kappa Chapter October 30-31 and November 1, 1913, at Champaign, Illinois. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Helen Ream, Hazel Shadley; Beta, Reba Tennant, Jean Wilson; Gamma, Ethel Hively, Velora Thompson; Delta, Helen Smith; Epsilon, Helen Burrell Miller; Zeta, Hazel Hamilton, Helen Byers; Eta, Clara Nelson, Jessie Myers; Theta, Leota Fay, Florence Coerper; Iota, Pearl Scott, Edith Smith; Kappa, Minna Wykoff, Abigail Fisher; Lambda, Emma Hulen; Mu, Mildred Lasley, Irene Raine; Nu, Blanche George; Xi, Nora Hamilton, Lila Estes; Omicron, Mabel McClymont; Pi, Irene Aber, Orrell Rood; Rho, Isabel Coons, Elsie Peterson; Sigma, Ann Van der Zee, May Sherman; Boston Alumnæ, Bertha



ALPHA XI DELTA CONVENTION, CHAMPAIGN, ILL., 1913

Shepard; New York Alumnæ, Hazel Slayton; Syracuse Alumnæ, Helen Truair; Seattle Alumnæ, Florence Bush-Hill; Chicago Alumnæ, Beatrice French.

Following the singing of the reunion song, Abigail Fisher extended a welcome to the convention in behalf of Kappa Chapter. Grand President Baldwin replied in behalf of the National Chapter.

Earnest consideration was given the five recommendations from National Panhellenic Congress which were to be acted upon. In the effort to eliminate high school fraternities National Panhellenic Congress recommended that none of its member fraternities bid girls who belonged to them. It also asked that the fraternities grant limited legislative power to their delegates in order that the Congress might take definite action upon the business which it considered instead of having to refer even petty routine detail back to the individual fraternities for action. These two important rulings were adopted as was also the form recommended for a scholarship card. The model house rules proposed were not officially adopted but were recommended to the chapters. The fellowship plan for house chaperons was definitely rejected.

Provision was made for the publication of a new and larger songbook, of a directory of the fraternity's members and of a national history. In order to facilitate the historical work each chapter was asked to make out a list of the honors which had come to it and the girls who had held them. These lists were to be sent to the Grand Secretary.

An official statement was adopted declaring Alpha Xi Delta to favor a short rushing season, semester initiation and scholarship requirements.

Provision had been made for an inspector of chapters in the constitution when it was first adopted, 1902. This office had not yet been employed but a ruling was now adopted making it active and providing that one

officer visit all the college chapters during the interval between conventions.



ROSALIE RETZ-BELL, *Kappa*

After consideration of the relationship existing between the fraternity and other undergraduate organizations a ruling was established requiring that before the end of her freshman year, or in those cases where sophomore initiation was in force at the beginning of the sophomore year, every member of Alpha Xi Delta affiliate with at least one college organization and take an active part in its work.

The college chapters were also required to perform some definite social service work or philanthropy each year. The alumnae chapters were required to take up some

definite work but its nature was left to their discretion.

Legislation affecting the journal provided that, beginning with Vol. XI, 1914, each college chapter bind and place on its shelves each succeeding volume. The term of the journal correspondent was lengthened to two years and those eligible to election to it restricted to juniors. The initiation fee was increased two dollars, which paid for a subscription to the journal for the first two years after the initiate was out of college.

The sum of three hundred dollars was voted to establish a graduate scholarship. Financial support was voted the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupations. This bureau sought to place trained and educated women in professions other than teaching.

The class plan was adopted for the fraternity examinations. The subject matter was divided as follows:

Freshman—General facts about Alpha Xi Delta.

Sophomore—General facts about Alpha Xi Delta and problems of the Greek world.

Junior—National Panhellenic Congress and fraternities in general.

Senior—Alpha Xi Delta problems and ideals.

Other legislation changed the name of the corporation from the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority to the Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity; established a secret publication, *The Quill*; provided for the writing of an affiliation ceremony and authorized a change in the design of the recognition pin.

The grand officers elected were: Grand President, Lena Baldwin, Eta; Grand Vice-president, Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda; Grand Secretary, Rosalie Retz-Bell, Kappa; Grand Treasurer, Ellen Ball, Beta; Inspector, Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta; Grand Editor, Polly Fenton, Theta; Associate Editor, Edith Bradford, Lambda; Alumnæ Editor, Martha Fargo, Kappa; Business Manager, Mary Rayne, Theta; Extension Secretary, Alice Cummings-Heustis, Lambda.

Social Side:

For Thursday evening, a stunt show provided convention's first entertainment. Attractive programs announced the different numbers, all of which were both original and interesting.

The college Panhellenic, composed of the representatives of eleven women's fraternities, was hostess at a reception Friday afternoon in honor of Kappa Chapter and the Alpha Xi Delta convention members.

Kappa Chapter was hostess at a formal dance on Friday evening and at a reception on Saturday afternoon. The convention banquet was held in the chapter-house on Saturday evening. Ninety-four Alpha Xi Deltas were present. Winifred Campbell-Craig, Kappa, acted as

toastmistress. She likened the sisterhood of Alpha Xi Delta to a splendid chain, wrought of gold and perfect in craftsmanship, to which the following links were added:

Our Guests Florence Hunt-Fogg, Kappa.
 True Service to Alpha Xi Delta.....Helen Ream-Wadleigh, Alpha.
 Individual Responsibility Hazel Hamilton-Beach, Zeta.
 Good Fellowship Among Greeks Jessie Myers-Newhart, Eta.
 When Greek Meets Barbarian.....Emma Hulen, Lambda.
 The First Year Out Beatrice Trench-Green, Alpha.
 The Value of Alumnæ to the Chapter..Blanche George Harris, Nu.
 Alpha Xi Delta Forever Lila Estes-Morgan, Xi.

This chain, complete in its parts and beautiful in its workmanship, was given into the keeping of the Rev. Miss Almira Cheney. In acknowledgment of its presentation she responded with a sketch of the founding of Alpha Xi Delta and of its founders, their ideals and aspirations.

EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Eighth National Convention met with Omicron Chapter July 20-23, 1915, at Berkeley, California. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Eulalia Moroney, Bess Williamson; Beta, Florence Buck; Gamma, Renna Ross; Delta, none; Epsilon, Carol A. Gunderson; Zeta, Mildred Kuhns; Eta, Ruth Price; Theta, Mae Heineman; Iota, Daisy Arnett; Kappa, Helen Fisher; Lambda, Bernice Wood; Mu, Marguerite Elken, Jessie Kline; Nu, Madeline Woodworth, Helen Swope; Xi, Hattie Noland; Omicron, Ruth Calden, Stella Liss; Pi, Mary Jane Collins; Rho, Caryl Spaulding; Sigma, none; Tau, Lou Crandall; Upsilon, none; Alliance Alumnæ, Key Wenrick; Mt. Pleasant Alumnæ, Mabel Duncan; Chicago Alumnæ, Jeannette Retz; Boston Alumnæ, Ruth Sibley-Haskell; Syracuse Alumnæ, Ethel Baldwin; San Francisco Alumnæ, M. Olive Johnson; Seattle Alumnæ, Lela Parker; Cleveland Alumnæ, Nina Browning; Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnæ, Stella Kline; Madison Alumnæ, Calla Andrus;



ALPHA XI DELTA MASQUERADE, 1915

Los Angeles Alumnæ, Martha Fargo; New York Alumnæ, Elizabeth Clark.

Scholastic standing, individually and as a national organization was thoughtfully discussed. The requirement for eligibility to the honor ring was raised from ninety per cent to ninety-three per cent as an average for the four years when the ring was not won through election to Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi. The national goal in scholarship was recognized as the aim of having each chapter rank among the highest third of the fraternities in the college in which it is located.

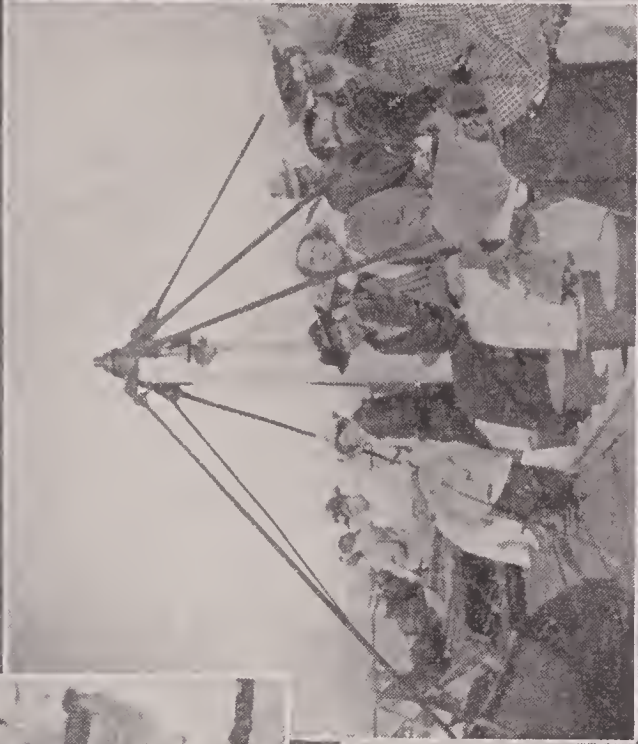
A ruling was adopted automatically cancelling pledges held over more than two semesters because of failure to pass the number of hours required for initiation, the number of required hours being fixed at twelve. The Grand Council was empowered to grant special exemptions in the cases of music students.

In order that the prestige of Alpha Xi Delta should be suitably maintained on every campus each college member was required to be represented in two activities. So closely was the fraternity in sympathy with the aims and ideals of the Y. W. C. A. that it was named as one of these activities.

The burlesque of initiation which is sometimes known as second degree work or prep initiation and makes a mockery both of the dignity of the fraternity and of its members was forever abolished in any form whatsoever.

The continuing development of the alumnæ organization was reflected in the provision that each alumna hear from the fraternity by special bulletin at least twice a year. This work was to be done by volunteers from college and alumnæ members. The women so volunteering were to be given special training in fraternity and Panhellenic work through instruction bulletins developed especially for these workers.

The ban upon pins jewelled alternately with pearls and diamonds was removed. All emblems of the fraternity in addition to the badge were standardized and their



SNAP SHOTS ON TUG RIDE, 1915

purchase required to be made through a custodian of emblems.

A memorial service, honoring our fraternity dead, was adopted and its use stipulated upon the last chapter meeting of each year. A service for Founders' Day was also adopted and the observance of Founders' Day by the wearing of the colors beneath the badge required.

The systemization of the national archives was anticipated in the ruling providing that the Grand Vice-president collect and file all national documents.

The office of chairman of social service was created in response to the desire that this phase of the fraternity's work be organized and made more typically Alpha Xi Delta.

A charter was granted the Galesburg Alumnae Chapter.

The general discussions during the sessions of the convention were among its most worthwhile features. Formal discussions considered; House Management; Patronesses; Journal Letters; Founders' Day Service, Memorial Service.

The grand officers elected were: Grand President, Lena Baldwin, Eta; Grand Vice-president, Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda; Grand Secretary, Bess Williamson; Grand Treasurer, Ellen Ball, Beta; Grand Inspector, Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta; Grand Editor, Polly Fenton, Theta; Associate Editor, Edith Bradford, Lambda; Alumnae Editor, Martha Fargo, Kappa; Business Manager, Mary Rayne, Theta; Extension Secretary, Bertha Shepard, Lambda.

Social Side:

The festivities opened with a masquerade on Tuesday evening whose chief features were chapter stunts. The Omicron hostesses were scarcely recognizable in the minstrel show with which the program opened. Nu followed with a movie presenting Uncle Tom's Cabin. The

last stunt was a mock wedding and later in the evening the girls danced.

A tug ride around San Francisco Bay filled Wednesday afternoon and early evening. It was made a thrilling event for the inlanders by a dense sea fog which obscured the sight of land.

Thursday afternoon Omicron Chapter held a reception at the chapter-house. The convention banquet was held Friday evening. Genevieve Toukey-Kwapil, Omicron, acted as toastmistress. Hilda Howard, Omicron, Hattie Noland-Broadus, Xi, and Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta, responded to toasts. With the singing of Alpha Xi Delta songs the social side of the convention came to an end.

NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Ninth National Convention met with Lambda Chapter July 1-3, 1918, in Boston, Mass. The business sessions were held in the New England Women's Club.

Most of the time of convention was spent in discussion and planning for some national war work. The plan adopted provided for the support of a worker in War Camp Community Service. The early signing of the Armistice rendered this plan no longer feasible and it was abandoned.

An average of ten per cent above passing was added to the initiation requirements which had hitherto been only that of passing twelve semester hours.

The office of executive secretary was created by combining the duties of Grand Secretary and Grand Editor. In view of the great amount of work this required of a single officer, the position was made a salaried one.

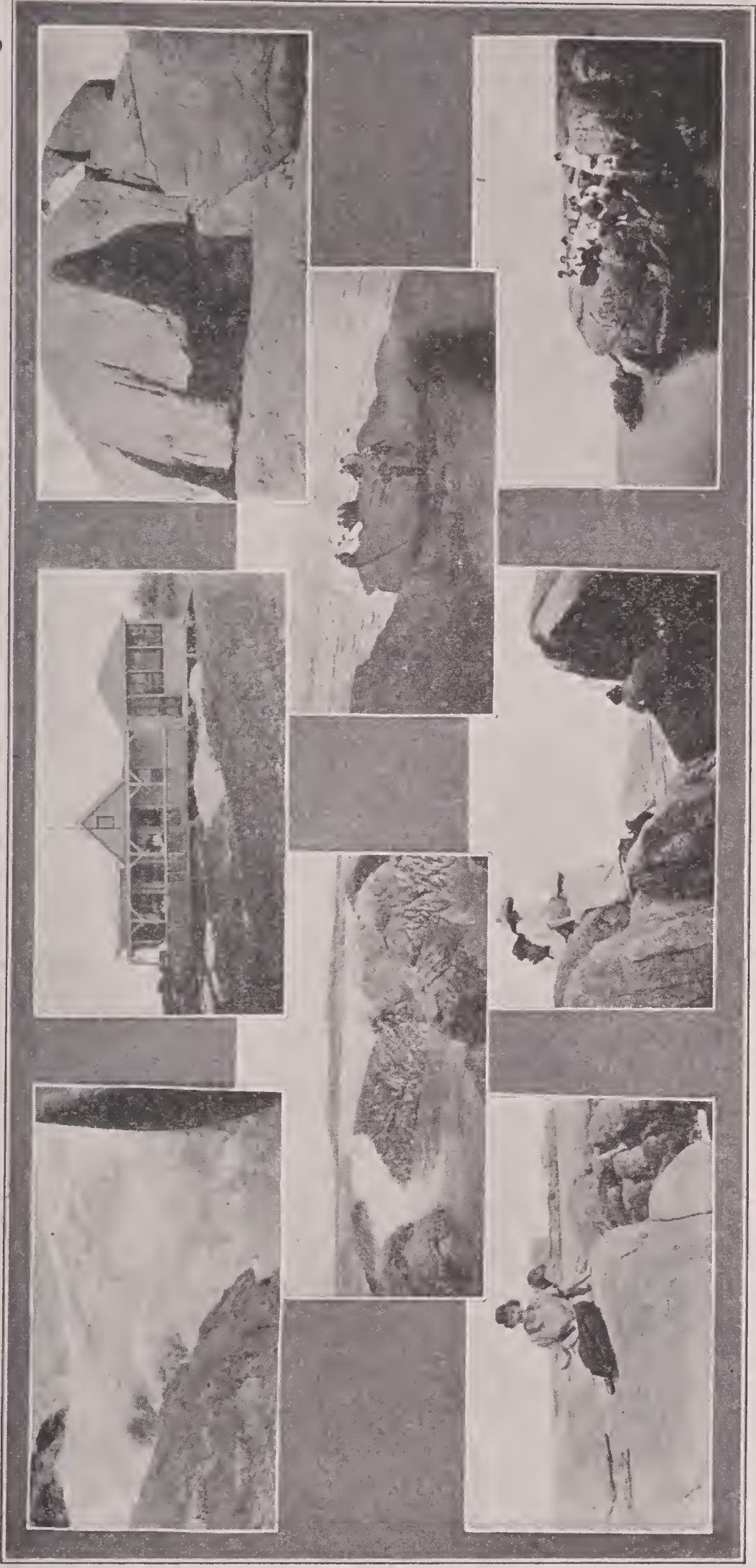
A budget system was accepted for use by the college chapters in planning their finances. Fixed headings to be used by all chapters were adopted. The year's budget was required to be drawn up, approved by the chapter and submitted to the National Council by November 15, each year.

Legislation also provided that the national organization cease to give the honor rings but continue to determine which girls were eligible to receive them. The word "national" was substituted for "grand" before the names of officers and council. It was agreed that all



AUDREY DUFFEY-BLAGBROUGH, *Lambda*

chapter officers be elected at the end of the first semester instead of in the spring. This plan had the advantage of bringing experienced officers back to the chapter at the beginning of the college year and of letting others secure that experience while their predecessors in office were still in the chapter and able to advise with them. A com-



ROCKPORT VIEWS, 1918

mittee was appointed to receive designs for a new recognition pin.

The national officers elected were: National President, Polly Fenton, Theta; National Vice-president, Bess Williamson, Alpha; National Executive Secretary, Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta; National Treasurer, Ellen Ball, Beta; National Inspector, Audrey Duffey-Blagbrough, Lambda; Associate Editor, Hazel Macy-MacNamee, Lambda; Alumnæ Editor, Grace Spencer-Phillips, Kappa; Business Manager, Hazel Mercer, Delta; Extension Secretary, Lucile Thornton-Newman, Eta.

Social Side:

As recreation after the hard work of Monday, Lambda Chapter planned a twenty mile drive along the coast near Marblehead Point. On the return trip a stop was made at the home of Miriam Carleton, Lambda, for coffee and wafers.

Tuesday afternoon convention adjourned an hour early and its members left immediately for Tuft's College. The college and alumnæ members of Lambda Chapter gave them a tea at the home of Mrs. Rockwell, one of the chapter's patronesses. That evening Lambda Chapter, aided by Upsilon Chapter, gave a stunt show and dance.

A fitting end to the convention was furnished by the banquet which took place on Wednesday evening in the private dining-room of the Hotel Westminster. The farewell speech of Lena Grandin Baldwin who was retiring from her long leadership of the fraternity was of much interest.

The day following convention was July Fourth. Lambda Chapter had arranged an all day auto trip for the girls who stayed over the holiday. They visited the historic spots of Lexington and Concord and saw history in the making at Camp Devens where 40,000 New England boys were then training for over seas duty in the World War.

TENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Tenth National Convention was held with Mu Chapter at Radisson Inn, Christmas Lake, Minnesota, June 26-30, 1920. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Jeanette Ream; Beta, Lois Hobson; Gamma, Alice Hartman, Ruth Cameron; Delta, Miriam Darbyshire; Epsilon, Ann Gunderson, Lillian Odland; Zeta, Mary Van Matre, Romaine Byers; Eta, Esther Benning, Esther Pickwick; Theta, Helen Bohan; Iota, none; Kappa, Eugenia Moss; Lambda, Alice Danver; Mu, Helen Stanley, Jean Keller; Nu, Thelma Cole, Velma Shaffer; Xi, Sue Boardman, Virginia Shanklin; Omicron, Penelope Boden; Pi, Zoe Brundage, Marjorie Hagel; Rho, Helen Wagner, Mary Sheldon; Sigma, Marion Dyer, Blanche Miller; Tau, Jemima Dore, Mildred Swasey; Upsilon, Alice Clifford; Phi, Mary Bullis, Vera Tibbits; Chi, Helen Marsh, Pauline Newman; Psi, Pauline Hershey; Omega, Marion Collard, Louise Bowden; Alpha Alpha, Ruth Wallace, Jean Foight; Alpha Beta, Margaret Campbell; Alpha Gamma, Alberta Hoyman, Gertrude Dyrland; Alpha Delta, Helen Harbke; Alpha Epsilon, Helen Sprick; Mt. Pleasant Alumnæ, Gertrude Scott; Boston Alumnæ, Gertrude Starks; Syracuse Alumnæ, Ethel Baldwin-Bruce; Seattle Alumnæ, Doris Bele; Pittsburgh Alumnæ, Ethelyn Arnold; Chicago Alumnæ, Elizabeth McGill, Ruth Whitaker; New York Alumnæ, Lucile Thornton-Newman; Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnæ, Elsie Hankey, Florence Donahue; Madison Alumnæ, Lucy Rayne; Galesburg Alumnæ, Gertrude Hopps; Kansas City Alumnæ, Helen Trant, Gertrude Hurley; Des Moines Alumnæ, Madeline Gladish; Lexington Alumnæ, Zula Ferguson; Lincoln Alumnæ, Arletta Jane Shaw, Lulu Runge.

The address of welcome was given by Clara Hankey, president of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnæ Chapter. The response was given in behalf of the convention by Grand President Fenton.

The largest achievement of the Tenth Convention was the establishment of the national scholarship fund. It



COUNCIL MEMBERS, 1920-22

Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu; Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta;
Lulu Runge, Theta; Ethel Baldwin-Bruce, Eta.

was first determined that the national work of Alpha Xi Delta should be for people outside its membership. It was then voted that a fund be raised from the income of which five hundred dollars would be given yearly as a graduate scholarship. The awarding of the scholarship was to be entrusted to the American Association of University Women. The remainder of the fund income was to be retained each year and form the nucleus of a second fund from which loans would be made to Alpha Xi Delta members requiring temporary financial aid during their college years.

The desire had grown among the alumnæ chapters for a social work distinctively their own. It was now chosen in the furnishing of equipment for their local hospitals. Beyond this general identity of interest the details of their service were left to each alumnæ group to arrange for themselves.

The scholastic requirements for initiation into Alpha Xi Delta were changed to require fifteen semester hours credit with an average of ten per cent above a passing grade.

The fraternity considered pledge education and training in a general round table discussion. It was the opinion of the convention that pledge meetings were necessary and very helpful.

Provision was made for the redistricting of the fraternity into six provinces. A province president was to be elected for each of these whose duty it would be to visit the college chapters in alternate years.

A ruling was adopted prohibiting the chaining of any pin to the badge save a guard. The question of a national history was again considered and the chapters urged to co-operate with council in the selection of an editor.

A charter was granted the Akron Alumnæ Chapter.

National officers elected were: National President, Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta; National Vice-president, M. Olive Johnson, Omicron; National Executive Secretary,

Ethel Baldwin-Bruce, Eta; National Treasurer, Lulu Runge, Theta; National Inspector, Myrtle Jones Stevens, Mu; Associate Editor, Ethel Hoskins-Armstrong, Mu; Alumnæ Editor, Irene Raine-Mix, Mu; Business Manager, Hazel Mercer, Delta. The province presidents were: I, Lucile Thornton-Newman, Eta; II, Helen Willis-Lynn, Pi; III, Lida Jones-Atkins, Xi; IV, Myrtle Coker-Combe, Kappa; V, Madeline Woodworth Gladish, Nu; VI, Kathleen Murchison, Nu.

Social Side:

Without, dark clouds lowering, and the blue and white brilliance of a June day turning to the gray and black sullenness of a summer storm; without, the placid ripples of the lake changing to white-capped waves, and the “summer lightning playing and flashing like a bared sword” above the distant tree-tops; within long tables glistening with glass and silver and snowy napery, fragrant roses in their crystal holders, and about the board—fair ladies, their songs, their toasts, and their laughter, mingling with plans to “meet again,” for Alpha Xi Delta was holding the closing festivity of its Tenth National Convention.

In the midst of convention routine, the social whirl provided for the delegates and visitors at this Radisson Inn gathering on Christmas Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was a most pleasant feature.

Opening with the reception to the delegates and visitors, on the evening of Saturday, June 26, the social activities of the convention period included motor trips, song fests, an amateur vaudeville performance, a movie ball, and even an aquatic meet, while the closing feature of the affair was the formal banquet.

On vaudeville night, histrionic talent claimed its share of the convention laurels and the girls of Mu found kindly rivals in the Wisconsin and South Dakota representatives—and modesty forbids that we mention Iowa’s showing. There were clever imitations of famous stage



Tenth National Convention
 Alpha Xi Delta
 Rediston, Tenn.

June 24 to 30, 1920

Calmar, Ohio
 Minnea, Minn.

ALPHA XI DELTA CONVENTION, CHRISTMAS LAKE, MINN., 1920

folk; there were pantomimes and sketches, and one act dramas that "brought tears and laughter" from the assembled company.

Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, Geraldine Farrar, Marguerite Clark, and a galaxy of movie stars shone at the movie ball and the glory of a festival at Hollywood were depicted. Honors of the evening went to Geraldine Farrar, otherwise one Julia Maude Foster of St. Paul.

A formal toast program, on the closing night of the convention, was charmingly presided over by Grace Donahue, a Mu alumna, and delightful toasts were given by girls "from the north, south, east and west."

Mary Kinnavey, *Sigma*.

The Alpha Xi Delta, November, 1920.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Eleventh National Convention was held with Xi Chapter at Lexington, Kentucky, June 27 to July 1, 1922. The attending delegates were: Alpha, Pauline Hampton; Beta, Wilma Moore; Gamma, Verna Curtis, Lois Everett; Delta, Grace Lee, Julia Warren; Epsilon, Mabel Gunderson, Mabel Brookman; Zeta, Doris Moffett, Lucile Netts; Eta, Gwendolyn Smith, Miriam Ruby; Theta, Helen McLandress, Alethea Smith; Iota, Florence Lazenby, Grace Meek; Kappa, Frances Wine, Elsie Wanzer; Lambda, Helen Carr, Mae Pfunder; Mu, Claire Horner; Nu, Ruth Dix, Dorothea Reynolds; Xi, Mary Archer Bell, Elizabeth Ellis; Omicron, Alicia George, Claire Adair; Pi, Fern Falloon, Sara Fitton; Rho, Catherine Beacom, Verna Bowden; Sigma, Opal Stevenson; Tau, Ingeborg Laaby; Upsilon, Marian Way; Phi, Lillian Maynes, Margaret Drake; Chi, Nadine Morrison; Psi, Flora Olnhausen, Mildred Osborn; Omega, Louise Moseley, Helen Shirley; Alpha Alpha, Helen Sponcler, Mildred Tesh; Alpha Beta, Margaret Ducheane, Madeline Hatch; Alpha

Gamma, Adelaide Wood, Ruth Evans; Alpha Delta, Erma LaVerne Holman, Leota Sink; Alpha Epsilon, Dama Godfrey; Alpha Zeta, Dixie Young; Alpha Eta, Arlina Knoblock, Burrel Wiselogel; Alpha Theta, Jessie Olsen, Helen Rogan; Alpha Iota, Mildred Walters; Alpha Kappa, Alice DeWitt; Alpha Lambda, Ruby Baugh, Lulu Rasor; Akron Alumnæ, Rhoda M. O'Harra; Boston Alumnæ, Muriel Nickerson Trout; Seattle Alumnæ, Alice Swope; Pittsburgh Alumnæ, Ruth Douthitt, Ruth Wallace; Chicago Alumnæ, Mary Kinnavery, Pauline Scott; Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnæ, Florence Quinn Dobbs; Lexington Alumnæ, Elizabeth Wallis, Sue Boardman Hopkins; Lincoln Alumnæ, Lulu Runge; San Francisco Alumnæ, M. Olive Johnson; Springfield Alumnæ, Mildred Thompson, Ruth Tuttle; Madison Alumnæ, Calla Andrus; Columbus Alumnæ, Wilhelmina Slaymaker; Detroit Alumnæ, Theda Holen.

The need that *The Alpha Xi Delta* be made self-supporting was one of the more important questions to be considered by the convention. A plan was adopted which will eventually take the journal to every Alpha Xi Delta and also relieve the national treasury from any financial contributions to it. Beginning with September, 1922, each initiate is required to take out a life subscription to the journal which is payable within two years. Life subscriptions were also made obligatory for the other members of the college chapters who had been initiated before September, 1922. This included the members of the classes of 1923, 1924, and 1925. A campaign to secure life subscriptions from the alumnæ members was instituted through the co-operation of the alumnæ chapters.

The funding of a graduate scholarship which will be awarded by the American Association of University Women was again endorsed as the national work of Alpha Xi Delta. It was decided that the entire amount of money necessary for this purpose should be apportioned among the college chapters. The apportionment was to be based upon the rosters of the chapters, including both

college and alumnæ members. Payments already made were credited to the college chapters of the members from whom they had been received.

The National Council was empowered to investigate the endowment fund systems of other fraternities and submit its findings to the fraternity at the next convention.

A second province office, to be known as the province vice-presidency, was created. The duties attendant upon it were assisting the province president in grading the fraternity examination papers of the chapters within that province and acting as deputy for the national vice-president. The duties of alumnæ organizer were added to those of the national vice-president and the province vice-presidents formed her committee for that work.

Provision was made for a standing constitutional committee of three members; its chairman to be elected at each convention and its other two members to be appointed then. The duties of the committee were to be the consideration of all recommended constitutional changes before they were brought to the attention of the convention body. In order to save all possible time at future conventions, it was arranged that, instead of being read aloud, copies of chapter reports would be given to the delegates. In the same way the minutes of each day's sessions were to be placed in the hands of the delegates at the opening of the following session.

Convention authorized the publication of a new directory, of the constitution as revised and of a handbook containing information about Alpha Xi Delta and designed for use by the members and pledges of the college chapters.

In order that each fall experienced officers might return to the college chapters, elections for the following year were to be held before March 1. A second great advantage was thus secured in that each officer gained her experience while her predecessor was present to offer advice or suggestion were it needed.

The journal correspondent was made an exception to this ruling on chapter elections. Only juniors are eligible to this office and its term is for two years. As an incentive to superior chapter letters, it was provided that the journal correspondent read the journal letter aloud at the last chapter meeting preceding the date when the letter must be in the editor's hands. The letter then must be approved by the chapter president before being sent to the editor.

Scholastic standing of the college chapters was discussed. The convention readopted the ruling requiring that each college chapter must rank among the highest third of the women's fraternities represented in the college where it is located. Girls not passing in all of their work were rendered ineligible for chapter offices. A pledge, expired at the end of one year because of failure to attain the scholarship requirements for initiation may no longer be renewed save by the consent of national council.

Classification of alumnae members listed them as active and inactive. To be active an alumnae must

1. be a life subscriber to the journal.
2. have met all obligations to her college chapter.
3. be a member in good standing in her alumnae chapter if there is one in her city.

The convention selected three songs which the votes of its members revealed to be the most generally favored throughout the fraternity. These songs, *The Rose of Alpha Xi*, *Evening Song* and *Alpha Xi Delta Girls* are to be known henceforth as "Our National Songs."

Five round table discussions were held during the convention. The topics and the chapters in charge of their initial presentation were:

1. College Panhellenics Nu.
2. Pledge Education Gamma.
3. Management and Finance Rho.
4. What Type of Girl Shall We Choose? Alpha Theta.
5. Chapter Organization Eta.

The national officers elected were: National President, M. Olive Johnson, Omicron; National Vice-president, Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu; National Executive Secretary, Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta; National Treasurer, Lulu Runge, Theta; National Visitor, Myrtle Coker-Combe, Kappa; Associate Editor, Hazel Mercer, Delta; Alumnae Editor, Helen Willis Lynn, Pi; Business Manager, Calla Andrus, Theta; Extension Secretary, Clara Koenig, Mu. The province presidents and vice-presidents were: I, Lucile Thornton-Newman, Eta, Winnafred Corwin Robinson, Theta; II, Wilhelmina Slaymaker-Kinsey, Psi, Theda Shaw-Holen, Alpha Epsilon; III, Lida Jones Atkins, Xi, Ethelyn Arnold, Alpha Alpha; IV, Iva Baker-Chase, Sigma, Frances Crane, Beta; V, Madeline Woodworth-Gladish, Nu, Dixie Young, Alpha Zeta; VI, Kathleen Murchison, Nu, Helen Wurdeman, Theta.

Social Side:

We were excited when we reached Lexington, Kentucky, and met so many of our Alpha Xi Delta sisters. We registered at the LaFayette Hotel, our headquarters, and then went for a ride around Lexington in cars furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. The places we visited were Ashland, the home of Henry Clay; the Coldstream dairy farm and the stables of the famous Man-of-War, who has won twenty races out of twenty-one.

In the evening we held an informal reception in the ballroom of the LaFayette Hotel, for the president of Kentucky University, the faculty and the Lexington people.

The following afternoon we had a beautiful auto ride along the Kentucky river to Shakertown. At the Inn we had a typical southern dinner with beaten biscuits and baking powder biscuits which far outstripped any I ever ate before or since.

The dean of women at the University of Kentucky,



1922 Convention
Alpha Xi Delta Convention, Lexington, Ky., 1922

Miss Frances Jewell, entertained us at tea, receiving on the campus Thursday afternoon.

Friday we all took the Interurban to Frankfort. First we went to the old state house, now a museum. Many of us looked forward to the trip up the Kentucky river in a real river boat as some of us had never been in one. We danced and sang and drank punch until time for lunch. The trip ended only too soon and we went back to Lexington, tired, hot and happy.

The formal banquet was held Saturday evening in the ballroom. It was a fitting close to such an inspiring week. Austin Lily, Xi, was a charming toastmistress. Her speech of greeting was responded to by Alpha, Upsilon, Omega, Alpha Iota, Nu, Theta and Zeta Chapters. Julia Maude Foster and Almira Cheney gave delightful talks, telling how Alpha Chapter was first organized.

Saturday afternoon we had a "walkout" to visit the places of interest in Lexington. The Lexington people and especially Xi Chapter more than proved the truth of "southern hospitality."

Helen McLandress, *Theta*.

The Alpha Xi Delta, November, 1922.

CHAPTER X

THE NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

THE creation of a sane and friendly attitude through which to meet the varied problems of interfraternity relations has been the tangible ideal of the National Panhellenic Congress. These conferences have been productive of harmony and sincere co-operation between rival organizations. Not alone have fraternity relations been bettered and unnumbered chapter problems solved but social conditions, as they affect the entire student body throughout our co-educational colleges, have been much improved. The iconoclastic American experiment of assembling together young men and young women for collegiate instruction has been freed by the deliberately projected influence of fraternity leaders from much of the early criticism which attacked its thoughtless social customs.

The movement which has crystallized in the National Panhellenic Congress dates back to a conference which met in Boston on April 15, 1891, in response to the invitation of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Delegates from seven national women's fraternities considered how a combined effort might be made to secure (1) uniformity of interfraternity courtesy; (2) co-operation in purchasing fraternity jewelry and stationery for the purpose of increased security and cheapness; (3) a practical Panhellenic plan for the World's Fair soon to be held in Chicago; (4) uniformity in the dates of the fraternity publications and (5) inter-chapter co-operation and etiquette.

The proposed work was to be that of recommendation only, the reports to be submitted to each fraternity individually for adoption or rejection. Although a stand-

ing committee was appointed in the effort to keep the work alive, little was accomplished save making arrangements for the morning session which had been granted the women's fraternities during the "Congress of Fraternities" held while the World's Columbian Fair was in progress.

The enthusiasm shown by these Panhellenic pioneers was to bear fruit ten years later when Mrs. Margaret Mason Whitney, Grand President of Alpha Phi, reopened the unsolved problem of saner rushing methods. Learning in reply to her inquiries, that the Grand Presidents of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta were corresponding upon that same subject and that the Chicago Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta had placed a petition before their Grand Council asking that the fraternities be invited to consider some means of reform in rushing, Mrs. Whitney felt justified in calling the first Inter-Sorority Conference, which met in Chicago, May 24, 1902.

Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Delta Delta were represented by delegates.

Six resolutions were adopted for submission to the various fraternities. It was hoped that their acceptance would form the basis for future work and provision was made for annual conferences.

The following year the second Conference met, September 19, 1903, to consider the reports upon these resolutions. A very definite gain had been made in the unanimous decision not to pledge before matriculation. The establishment of local Panhellenic Associations, having been accepted for all institutions where chapters of two or more national fraternities existed, the first chapter installed was held responsible for taking the initiative in the new work. The chairmanship of these associations was to be held by the chapters in rotation, according to the date of their installation.

One of the enduring policies of the Conference

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESSES

No.	Name	Date	Place	Frats.	Chairman	Alpha Xi Delta Delegate
1	Intersorority Conference	May 24, 1902	Chicago	7	Mrs. Margaret M. Whitney, Alpha Phi	
2	Intersorority Conference	Sept. 19, 1903	St Louis	9	Mrs. Laura B. Norton, Kappa Alpha Theta	
3	Intersorority Conference	Sept. 16-17, 1904	Chicago	9	Miss Grace Telling, Delta Gamma	Mrs. Anna Gillis Kimble
4	Intersorority Conference	Sept. 15-16, 1905	Chicago	11	Miss Amy H. Olgen, Delta Delta Delta	Mrs. Ella Boston Leib
5	Intersorority Conference	Sept. 14, 1906	Chicago	12	Mrs. Robert Leib, Alpha Xi Delta	Mrs. Ella Boston Leib
6	Intersorority Conference	Sept. 13, 1907	Chicago	12	Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Chi Omega	Mrs. Ella Boston Leib
7	National Panhellenic Conference	Sept. 11, 1908	Chicago	12	Miss A. W. Lytle, Pi Beta Phi	Mrs. Ella Boston Leib
8	National Panhellenic Conference	Sept. 17-18, 1909	Chicago	14	Miss L. P. Green, Kappa Alpha Theta	Miss Mary Emily Kay
9	National Panhellenic Congress	Sept. 16-17, 1910	Chicago	16	Mrs. A. H. Roth, Kappa Kappa Gamma	Miss Lena G. Baldwin
10	National Panhellenic Congress	Nov. 3-4, 1911	Evanston	16	Miss Marguerite Lake, Delta Gamma	Miss Lena G. Baldwin
11	National Panhellenic Congress	Oct. 17-19, 1912	Chicago	18	Mrs. Cora A. McElroy, Alpha Phi	Miss Lena G. Baldwin
12	National Panhellenic Congress	Oct. 16-18, 1913	Chicago	18	Miss Lillian Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta	Miss Lena G. Baldwin
13	National Panhellenic Congress	Oct. 15, 1914	New York	18	Mrs. James H. Crann, Alpha Chi Omega	Miss Lena G. Baldwin
14	National Panhellenic Congress	Aug. 12, 1915	Berkley	18	Mrs. Amy Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta	Miss Lena G. Baldwin
15	National Panhellenic Congress	Oct. 24-27, 1917	Chicago	18	Miss Lena Baldwin, Alpha Xi Delta	Miss Lena G. Baldwin
16	National Panhellenic Congress	Oct. 16-18, 1919	Washington, D. C.	18	Mrs. Mary Love Collins, Chi Omega	Mrs. Anna M. Knote
17	National Panhellenic Congress	Oct. 26-29, 1921	Indianapolis	18	Mrs. Ethel H. Weston, Sigma Kappa	Mrs. Anna M. Knote
18	National Panhellenic Congress	Oct. 17-20, 1923	Boston	19	Miss Laura Hurd, Alpha Omicron Pi	Mrs. Anna M. Knote

emerged in the urging of all fraternity members to take an active part in those college organizations intended for the good of all students.

Alpha Chi Omega and Chi Omega sent delegates to this Conference, making with those represented before, nine fraternities.

The Third Intersorority Conference, meeting in 1904, admitted Alpha Xi Delta, represented by Anna Gillis Kimble, and voted to admit Sigma Kappa provided she accept the Conference rulings.

By consent the order of rotation for holding the chairmanship of the Conferences was agreed upon and it was further decided that the delegate from the fraternity next in order for calling the Conference should act as secretary.

The problem of the local associations were discussed and their purpose defined "not merely to promote good feeling and social intercourse but especially to discuss and act upon all matters of intersorority interest with a view to raising fraternity standards and ameliorating existing evils."

The last session was devoted to a discussion of the social service work proposed by Kappa Kappa Gamma. This was the first deliberate effort to utilize the possibilities of strength through consolidation of the organized fraternity groups to aid in solving a problem existing nation wide, in the carelessness of collegiate social customs. A standing committee was elected to have charge of this work, and the establishment of Women's Leagues to include all women students was not only recommended but provided for in the colleges wherever a Greek-letter fraternity existed. The advisability of asking that a Dean of Women be appointed in all co-educational colleges was given much consideration.

The Conference of 1905 defined a national fraternity as one having at least five chapters, all in institutions of collegiate rank, and determined the interpretation of the term "collegiate rank."

A constitution defining the powers of the Conference was adopted for submission to the member fraternities.

In the effort to dissipate the uncertainty and confusion over the recommendation that Women's Leagues be established, Ella Boston Leib, then secretary of the Conference, assisted by Miss Cleora C. Wheeler, Kappa Kappa Gamma, prepared a model constitution which furnished a simple working plan.

The Conference of 1906 remodelled the constitution of 1905 which had failed to pass two Grand Presidents, and approved a model constitution for the local Panhellenic Associations which had been drafted by a committee composed of Mrs. Ella Boston Leib, Mrs. Laura Norton, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Miss Elizabeth Gamble, Pi Beta Phi.

High school sororities were condemned and the Conference put itself on record as proposing to use all its influence in the effort to end their existence.

Social service work and co-operation with the Deans of Women in the correction of social evils were the chief subjects of discussion. A report was heard from the delegates who had been invited to meet with the conference of the Deans of Women in state institutions.

In the Conference of 1907 discussion of the exact meaning and wording of the Panhellenic constitution was prominent. Mrs. Ella Boston Leib, Miss Sara B. Mathews, Sigma Kappa, and Mrs. Laura H. Norton, Kappa Alpha Theta, formed the committee which presented it in the form adopted.

Social service work and the need of interested alumnae clubs were both urged. The high school fraternity was again condemned, with a more decided tendency toward some definite action showing itself.

The Conference of 1908 endorsed a late, preferably a Sophomore, pledge day. Scholarship requirements for initiation were urged, the organization of all resident alumnae in college towns was suggested and each fraternity was appealed to in the endeavor to make the position

of chaperon in the chapter-houses one of dignity and definite duties.

A plan was devised for the systematic exchange of fraternity magazines by all Conference members.

Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Chi Omega, Mrs. Ella Boston Leib and Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta, were appointed as a committee to draw up an interfraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations and the breaking of pledges.

All members were asked to include at least one question concerning the Conference and its work in their chapter examinations.

The name of the conference was changed from the Intersorority Conference to the National Panhellenic Conference.

The Conference of 1909 provided for a standing committee on extension to whom petitions for admission to membership could be referred at any time during the year. It arranged through committees for reports on college facilities for student social affairs and on scholarship standards in the Conference fraternities. The word "fraternity" was substituted for the word "sorority" wherever it occurred in the constitution of the National Panhellenic Conference.

The report of the committee on chaperons included recommendations (1) that a small salary in addition to board and room be offered the chaperon; (2) that the chaperon be required to confer twice a month with the Dean of Women and once a month with the social committee, where one exists; (3) that a definite and clear agreement be entered upon on the part of chapter and chaperon, and that a printed or typewritten copy of the same shall be sent to the chapter's Grand Council.

Recommendations were adopted prohibiting rushing before matriculation and requiring the completion of ten hours work before initiation.

The Conference of 1910 voted to request the fraternities to give their delegates limited legislative power

and thus do away with the hampering delay of referring even petty details back to the individual fraternities for adoption. The principal subjects discussed were the Deans' Conferences, extension of fraternities, local Panhellenic constitutions, scholarship requirements for fraternity members and social customs. It was recommended that all chaperons be salaried and given unlimited power to enforce rules for the common good.

Limited legislative power having been granted to the delegates, the Conference of 1911 changed the name to the National Panhellenic Congress, signifying its new powers. A new constitution was adopted defining these powers—"to make laws pertaining to its own government, to levy annual dues, to admit at its discretion petitioning fraternities, to make final settlement of a dissension in local Panhellenic difficulties and to have advisory power over local Panhellenics." An executive committee was appointed to have charge of business between sessions and of the issuance of a quarterly bulletin.

The Grand Presidents of all but two of the fraternities represented in the National Panhellenic Congress met in conference preliminary to the 1912 Congress to discuss matters on which they wished to reach a common understanding. A great many of the things which make the direction of a fraternity difficult were discussed and finally a code was drawn up, embodying the principals on which the Grand Presidents would act during the coming year. The meeting was the first of its kind ever held but so great was the value of the discussions it brought out that it became a permanent custom.

The 1912 Congress reiterated its disapproval of high school fraternities. Committees were appointed to investigate the grade of work done in summer schools, the Point System, Interfraternity Organizations, and Sophomore Pledge day.

Two resolutions were referred to the Grand Presidents to be submitted to their chapters:

- The Congress of 1913 again dealt with the problem of the high school fraternity and the most important resolution which it adopted affected them.

“This rule shall apply to any person who shall either accept or retain membership in such society after September, 1915.”

A clearly defined movement among Panhellenic leaders toward co-operation in improving local conditions led to the adoption of uniform chapter-house rules.

Following established custom, each Congress closes with a luncheon open to all the women of its member fraternities. On this occasion, Miss Lillian Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta, who had served as chairman, served also as toastmistress, to the four hundred seventy Greek women attending. Six toasts formed the program.

The Possibilities of City Panhellenics.....Ruth Haynes Carpenter,
Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Outlook in Panhellenism.....Florence Armstrong, Alpha Chi Omega.

The Congress of 1914 carried the motion that all fraternities encourage undergraduates to participate in one or two college activities and that emphasis be laid upon the desire of the National Councils for participation in the religious life of the institutions.

Means through which the local Panhellenics could be made of use to the non-fraternity girls were discussed. The recommendation against the encouragement of Sophomore Pledging which had been adopted by the Twelfth Congress was written into the minutes.

The business of the Congress was systematized with standing committees: 1. Eligibility, 2. Extension, 3. Social Customs, 4. Conference with College Presidents, 5. Local Panhellenics, 6. Recommendations, 7. City Panhellenics, 8. to study Secrecy of college fraternities, 9. to study Certain definite Phases of Fraternity life, 10. on Codification, 11. on Complication of Material in Fraternity Reference Bureau, 12. on recast of Eligibility Matriculation Clause.

The Congress of 1915 made *Banta's Greek Exchange* the official Panhellenic organ. It also determined that the Congress should meet biennially instead of annually.

A resolution was adopted that the fraternities individually consider the advisability of having the violation of house rules limiting midweek engagements and closing the house at night reported to the Dean of Women.

Three hundred eighty-five members of the congress fraternities attended the Panhellenic luncheon. Among the honored guests were Mrs. Martha Whitney, Alpha Phi, who called the first Intersorority Conference into being and Mrs. Bessie Leach Priddy, Delta Delta Delta, who attended the earlier meeting in 1892.

Mrs. E. N. Parmalee, who had served as chairman, also served as toastmistress. Miss Lena Baldwin responded to the first toast, "Work of the Fourteenth Congress," giving a resume of what had just been accom-

plished with a forecast of its influence upon the future of the fraternity world.

The Fifteenth Panhellenic Congress, 1917, was called by Alpha Xi Delta with Miss Lena Baldwin acting as chairman and Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins, Chi Omega, acting as secretary.

Mrs. Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Mrs. Anna Miller-Knote, Misses Bessie Williamson, Ellen Ball and Polly Fenton attended as visitors.

The report of the Committee on Social Customs, based upon a questionnaire which had been sent to one hundred eighty-five chapters of Panhellenic fraternities, showed a general reduction in rushing expenses. This was in sympathy with the strongly developed sentiment among Panhellenic leaders that an elimination of the great expenditure of money during rushing would be a first great step toward the complete solution of that vexing question.

Twenty-four chapters out of twenty-eight which were trying the Fellowship Plan of chaperonage were entirely successful with it.

The Fellowship Plan provided that the chaperons of the women's fraternity houses should be graduate fraternity members who were returning to college for graduate work. The chaperons were to receive tuition, room and board and a small salary. The effect of this plan, if adopted by all the Panhellenic fraternities, would be similar to the creation of a vast endowment fund to provide scholarships for graduate study.

The constitution was amended to permit each fraternity representation by three delegates instead of but one. The provision of a single vote for each member fraternity was retained. The ruling allowed more than one woman to profit by attendance at the business sessions of the Congress, which are closed to the public.

Resolutions dealing with college Panhellenics provided that no chapter be permitted to withdraw from the college Panhellenic and that patronesses, alumnæ and pledges be bound by rushing rules. The proof of a girl's pledging was henceforth to be a dated, written statement,

witnessed by a member of the chapter receiving the pledge. In order to facilitate the practice of this rule, the uniform Panhellenic pledge card was adopted. It is now used by every chapter of each Panhellenic fraternity.

The decisions of the National Panhellenic Executive Committee were to be final *settlement* upon a case in hand and were to form a precedent unless one of the Grand Presidents involved reviewed the case at the next succeeding Congress.

For some years much of the time of the Congress had been taken up with reviewing and hearing many details of petty troubles over rushing, which is the only contention among fraternities. Probably the recommendation adopted which most effected the future value of the Congress was that providing that the body should henceforth meet as a conference and deal wholly with constructive policies which might be put into practice by each member fraternity. This meant that all difficulties from local college Panhellenics would be taken up with the councils of the fraternities involved instead of appealing to National Panhellenic Congress for decisions upon local troubles as in the past.

Miss Lena Baldwin presided over the luncheon given the closing day of the Congress. The principal speaker, Miss Harriet Vittum, was then serving on the Illinois Council of Defense. Her address dealt with the necessity for women doing their part in order that the World War might come to a speedy and victorious end.

Miss Baldwin served for the two succeeding years, October, 1917–October, 1919 as editor of the Panhellenic Department of *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The Congress of 1919 considered the advisability of establishing a national bureau for chaperons for fraternity houses. In this way educated women with desirable experience and personalities might be brought in touch with chapters needing chaperons.

In accordance with the policy of National Panhellenic which urges the development of new fraternities, a standing committee was appointed to assist local social units

in colleges and universities in organizing national groups.

The need for stimulating the interest of college people in order that they might become a thinking citizenship was discussed. Any active steps toward the development of this ideal were left to the Committee on Conference with College Authorities.

The great benefit of the Congresses is growing to be the free exchange of ideas between women who are meeting different phases of the same problem in their fraternity work. Three round table discussions were held, "The Organized Social Group," "The College and the Fraternity" and "Vocational Guidance."

Mrs. Anna Miller-Knote was appointed chairman of the standing committee on College Panhellenics. Serving with her were Mrs. Kolbe, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Mrs. McCausland, Alpha Omicron Pi.

The Congress of 1921 formulated definite plans for making the College Panhellenics something more than an organization which drafts rushing rules. Each College Panhellenic shall hold five open meetings during the year. The program for these meetings, as determined for the succeeding two years, was 1. Health, 2. Education, 3. Vocations, 4. Fraternity programs, 5. Contributions to be made by College Panhellenics to their respective colleges. This was the first step taken in the effort to make the local Panhellenic organization one of benefit to the student body at large.

The ruling on high school fraternities made in 1915 rendering their members ineligible for membership in the National Panhellenic Congress fraternities was repealed. The attitude of the Congress in discountenancing these organizations was unchanged and plans were considered for the use of its influence toward their abolishment.

The Congress of 1923 increased its membership by admitting to full membership Beta Phi Alpha and to associate membership, Alpha Delta Theta and Theta Upsilon.

A resolution was adopted accepting the invitation of the League of Women Voters to assist in its educational projects and recommending that the member fraterni-

ties co-operate with that organization in whatever ways they might find best.

A new publicity plan was adopted, creating a publicity chairman who will work with the executive committee. A certain amount of space will be given over to N.P.C. in each issue of Banta's Greek Exchange, this publication constituting the principal medium of expression.

Dr. T. C. Galloway gave an informal talk to the congress, speaking on social hygiene. Miss Emma Hirth, Director of the Bureau of Vocational Information, New York City, made an address on education for practical living. Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president of the Women Voters' League, urged women to enter party organization and spoke of the work of the League.

Dr. May Agness Hopkins, Dr. May Keller and Mary C. Love Collins all spoke on health. This subject is seriously discussed before N.P.C. because the civilization of the world depends on the education and attitude of women, who, as home-makers, are the molders of life.

Greetings were sent by the Congress to Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, the first fraternity woman to preside over the White House.

The Fourteenth Congress, 1915, adopted a creed which embodies the ideals of all fraternity women.

The Panhellenic Creed

We, the fraternity undergraduate members, stand for good scholarship, for the guarding of good health, for whole-hearted co-operation with our college's ideals for student life, for the maintenance of fine social standards, and for the serving, to the best of our ability, of our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of *alumnæ* days, is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

We, the fraternity *alumnæ* members, stand for an active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical conditions in chapter-house and dormitory, and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service through the character building inspired in the close contact and our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity officers, stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Co-operation for the main-

tenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through the character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.

The Sixteenth Congress, 1919, adopted a brief statement of the accepted standards of ethical conduct of fraternity women.

Standards of Ethical Conduct

Whereas the ideals toward which all fraternities are working and which can only be gained by co-operation, which co-operation is only perfected when there is thorough understanding of the relation of local chapters to the nationals, of local chapters to each other, and of local chapter to the institutions in which the respective chapters occur: be it resolved that each fraternity, through its officers, be made responsible for bringing to the attention of its chapters, the following Standards of Ethical Conduct which are accepted and which will then become binding on all National Panhellenic fraternities.

1. That in case of Panhellenic difficulties all chapters involved do their utmost to restore harmony and to prevent publicity, both in the college and city community.

2. That any National Panhellenic fraternity whom a local is petitioning shall insist that such group conform to college Panhellenic conditions as to pledging, etc., where it is established.

3. That National Panhellenic fraternity chapters unite in assisting local groups in colleges and universities to obtain national charters.

4. That National Panhellenic fraternity chapters shall be expected to keep before the attention of their members the legislation regarding high school fraternities and sororities, and to obey the regulation strictly.

5. That visiting officers of National Panhellenic fraternities shall be expected not to interfere with regular routine work of the college but, on the contrary, that they shall encourage chapters to keep the college business day free from social engagements.

6. That it is beneath the standards of fraternity women:

- (a) To speak disparagingly of any fraternity or any college woman.
- (b) To create any feeling between fraternity and nonfraternity women.
- (c) To allow an account of minor social functions to appear in the public press.

7. That National Panhellenic fraternities shall impress upon their members that they shall respect and obey the letter and the spirit of any agreements which have been made either by the college Panhellenic or National Panhellenic.

CHAPTER XI

FRATERNITY EXAMINATIONS

WITH the growth and expansion of our fraternity, soon it became evident that some means must be found which would insure intelligent thought upon and analysis of the problems of fraternity life by the active members. Since the legislative power of the fraternity rested in their hands, the development of well informed opinions and practical policies was highly important. Leading to familiarity with the history, government and organization of the fraternity as it does, the fraternity examination was the means adopted to secure this desired end. Not only does the preparation for it cause and compel classification of one's knowledge concerning the fraternity, but also presents and requires consideration of both local and national conditions.

The need to think about existing problems and conditions, to form definite opinions concerning them which is brought about by the necessity for writing those same opinions down upon paper is one of the influences developing and enlarging fraternity life. Whatever causes one to pause and weigh the circumstances among which one moves, to approve or disapprove of them with suggested remedies, also instills and builds up the power of constructive criticism and initiative in thinking.

The foreshadowing of our fraternity examination is found in the action of the First National Convention in appointing a committee of Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta, Mary Salmon-Bolton, Gamma, and Mabel Sammons, Alpha, to consider the advisability of examining all convention delegates upon their knowledge of the fraternity constitution.

However, it was not until the Third Convention, 1905,

that the annual examination took its permanent place in the accepted policies of the fraternity. Examinations were given to the active members for the first time in 1906 and in 1907 a single inserted sheet in the journal announced the results of that year's examination, listing the names of all who had received a grade of over ninety-five. A paragraph at the top of the page stated that the results were more satisfactory than those of the preceding year and concluded "Covering as the questions do, sorority history, government, convention action and secret work as well as the intersorority movement, a thorough knowledge of these subjects is necessary in order to answer correctly and intelligently." The custom here mentioned, of asking questions upon the secret work of the fraternity was soon no longer followed.

At the Fourth Convention, 1907, Maud Andrew-Van Camp, and Frances Richey, both of Alpha Chapter, were appointed to prepare "ten plain questions" and to determine how best the examination for the following year, 1908, might be given. In 1909 alumnae of Gamma Chapter were in charge of this task.

In her address at the Fifth Convention, 1909, Grand President Leib said, "These examinations have helped our members to a wider knowledge of our own and other sororities and have become a permanent part of our work. That they are of great benefit we do not deny, but the work of correcting and grading papers has become arduous, as all those who have done it will testify. We must consider who is to do this, whether a committee or a grand officer."

Up until this time the vice-presidency had been an office comparatively free from work. It was Mrs. Leib's suggestion that the grand vice-president be made chairman of a committee to have charge of the annual examination. Legislation to that effect was adopted. With the creation of the office of executive-secretary, however, this duty was again transferred, the examinations now being sent out by that officer.

The far reaching influence of the fraternity examination through the thought and discussion it invoked was recognized and made use of by the Intersorority Conference at its seventh meeting, 1908, when it asked each of its members to place at least one question concerning it and its work in their annual fraternity examination.

The Sixth Convention, 1911, adopted a motion providing that examinations be given by classes. The Seventh Convention, 1913, instituted the plan now in use. It provided that examinations be given in the subjects as follows:

Freshmen	General facts about Alpha Xi Delta.
Sophomore....	General facts about Alpha Xi Delta and problems of the Greek world.
Junior.....	Panhellenics and fraternities in general.
Senior	Alpha Xi Delta problems and ideals.

The advantages of this plan are evident. There is far too much material for one to become readily familiar with in a short time. Neither is a girl's judgment and knowledge of fraternal problems developed to its maximum comprehension and value until she has been a member for several years. Nor is her appraisal of Alpha Xi Delta ideals thorough and complete until they have fully grown into her life.

The marking of the papers, which Mrs. Leib regarded as burdensome in 1907 continued to grow in the amount of toil it required. The work was divided among the alumnæ chapters for a number of years. This arrangement, not altogether satisfactory, was brought to an end by the Eleventh Convention, 1922. It enacted legislation definitely assigning the task to the province president and province vice-president. A motion was also carried, requiring that the members of a petitioning local take, before their installation as a chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, the examination given to pledges before initiation.

From time to time reports of examinations have appeared in *The Alpha Xi Delta*. Sometimes chapter averages were given, sometimes lists of the girls who had

received above ninety or above ninety-five. Once the name of each girl with the mark she had made was published. These reports no longer appear in the journal but are given the chapters through the *Quill*.

The examinations are a benefit to the fraternity as well as to its members. They afford the officers an opportunity of knowing what the active members are thinking. They give to the college members a direct means of suggestion and expression of opinion, which is of worth in the growth and development of an organization dependent upon those same college members for its value and success.

CHAPTER XII

“THE ALPHA XI DELTA,” “DIRECTORY” AND “QUILL”

AT THE First National Convention of Alpha Xi Delta, 1903, its members, undaunted by the fact that three chapters comprised the entire fraternity, determined upon the immediate establishment of a journal. Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha, had just been graduated from Lombard College. During her senior year she had edited the *Lombard Review* and she seemed the logical person to undertake the difficulties of this important work. As her assistants the convention elected Mary Emily Kay, Gamma, associate editor, and Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta, business manager.

The first number of *The Alpha Xi Delta* appeared in February, 1904. It was bound in gray and bore the legend “Alpha Xi Delta of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.” Feeling that the fraternity was entering upon a new epoch, Mrs. Kimble had made this first number of its journal a summary of its existence to that time. The frontispiece was a picture of Cora Bollinger-Block, to whom had come the signal honor of being Alpha Xi Delta’s first local and first national president.

The leading article, “A Retrospect,” was written by Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha. She recounted the organization of the fraternity and gave brief biographies of each of the founders. Biographies and pictures of the first grand officers follow.

An article in memoriam to Frances Cheney reveals the loving memory in which she was held. One of her poems, *The Thought in the Heart of the Rose* appears in this number.

The first convention is discussed in detail, the business minutes being given as well as a social account and the group picture of officers and delegates. Two articles are quoted from the midsummer number, 1903, *The Delta* of Sigma Nu, with a picture of the Fifth Division Convention of that fraternity, which also met in Galesburg, May



EDITORIAL STAFF, 1904-05

Mabel Hartzell

Mary Salmon Bolton

Mildred Tucker

8-9, 1903, and did so much to add to the pleasure of the delegates to the Alpha Xi Delta Convention.

Margaret Curtis-Pierce, Delta, contributed an eager assertion of woman's place in the world: "*There's a Woman In It.*" An anonymous member of Gamma had written a story, "*When the Rush Was On,*" with incidents

of the kind over which every fraternity woman has thrilled in anxiety at some time in her college years.

Several brief articles, editorials, personals, chapter letters and chapter pictures and an interesting exchange department conclude its contents.

The second number appeared in June, 1904—a change having been made to a blue and gold cover. In this number originate two customs which have been followed since by *The Alpha Xi Delta*. A traveler's account is given of a wedding trip through Yellowstone National Park. So many travelers have since shared their impressions and experiences with their stay-at-home sisters. Brief histories of Bethany College and the University of South Dakota began the long series of similar articles through which the fraternity has glimpsed the environment of its chapters.

The Second Convention, 1904, reluctantly accepted Mrs. Kimble's decision that she could no longer continue as editor. The importance of the editorial work was recognized by making that office one of the grand offices and its incumbent a member of the grand committee. The editorial staff elected was composed of Mary Salmon-Bolton, Grand Editor; Mildred Tucker, Associate Editor; Mabel Hartzell, Business Manager; all being of Gamma Chapter.

Three numbers of the journal appeared in 1904-5. The most interesting of the new features was "*Every day Council*," a department which has always been popular with college members. In it are recounted clever rushing parties, unusual ways of entertaining and any of the interesting chapter plans worth sharing with others. The cover now in use was light blue with dark blue lettering, a golden quill and blue and gold monogram being used together in its center.

The Third Convention elected as its editorial staff: Bertha Cleveland-Patterson, Grand Editor; Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Associate Editor; Dora Lockwood, Business Manager; Martha Hutchings-McKean, Assist-

ant Business Manager; all of Eta Chapter. This was the first staff to serve a term of two years, a result of the change from annual to biennial conventions.

There is a persistent earnest questioning running through the articles in these early numbers, a seeking of the way in which to realize the highest possibilities of fraternity life. Over and over the question is asked and here and there is an answer, vibrating and clear, written by a girl who has found and recognized in her fraternity those things which her heart was seeking.



MARTHA HUTCHINGS-McKEAN, *Eta*

The Fourth Convention, October, 1907, again elected a staff composed entirely of Eta members: Martha Hutchings-McKean, Grand Editor; Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Associate Editor; Dora Lockwood, Business Manager; Edith Lawrence, Assistant Business Manager.

In 1907-8 four numbers of the journal appeared, the number which has been continued since. An effort toward Panhellenic education was made by having a brief history of one of the National Panhellenic Congress fraternities in each number.

Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda, was elected Grand Editor by the Fifth Convention, 1909. Her staff was composed of Mary Meek Atkeson, Iota, Associate Editor, and Katherine Keith-Stamp, Gamma, Business Manager.

The tendency of college trained women to seek other professional work than that of teaching, which began to be noticeable about this time, was reflected in the journal. From time to time articles appeared giving information

of the varied and interesting opportunities offered in business life.

Up until the time of the Sixth Convention, 1911, the journal had been printed wherever seemed convenient to the editor or business manager. So far as its publication went, within ten years it had appeared from Galesburg, Illinois; Alliance, Ohio; Syracuse, New York, and again from Alliance. Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Haskell, the retiring editor, arrangements were made with a single publishing firm which has since handled that side of the journal. The convenience of dealing with publishers familiar with the customs and requirements of the fraternity was soon evident. Provision was made also for life subscriptions to *The Alpha Xi Delta*, a feature which had hitherto been non-existent.

The staff elected in 1911 was composed of Polly Fenton, Theta, Grand Editor; Mary Meek Atkeson, Iota, Associate Editor; Martha Fargo, Kappa, Alumnæ Editor; Mary Rayne, Theta, Business Manager. Martha Fargo was first to hold the position of alumnæ editor, an office which had been created by the Sixth Convention in the effort to relieve the grand editor of some of her increased work, due to the growth of the journal.

From the time of its establishment there had been no official cover for the journal. Each editor made her own arrangements with the printer, using what seemed suitable. The need of a uniform appearance was keenly felt and the Sixth Convention appointed a committee to select a design. The cover chosen appeared first on the number for June, 1912, and has been in continuous use since that time.

In March, 1913, an historical number was issued, commemorative of the twentieth anniversary of Alpha Xi Delta's founding. Short biographies of the founders were given. Julia Maude Foster had written an account of the organization of the fraternity and an article by Ella Boston Leib recounted the events of the national movement. The period from 1903-13 was discussed

by Polly Fenton and the nine volumes of the journal were reviewed by Mary Meek Atkeson.

After ten successful years it was easy to smile over the misgivings with which requests for exchanges were met by the editors of men's fraternity journals. *The Alpha Xi Delta* was one of the early magazines to be published by a women's fraternity and the editor of Delta Sigma's *Desmos* expressed the original sentiment of his brother editors when he wrote:

And now cometh the Alpha Xi Delta sorority journal with a request for an exchange. This editing a fraternity magazine in a fashion to please the critical taste of college girls is bound to be pretty severe on a short, fat gentleman that is striving to lead an honest life and keep some hair on his head as the years roll by. When we first began to jerk this Archimedian lever we had for readers only our professional brothers and a few exchange editors, and we may have occasionally made unguarded remarks that were perfectly proper when one's readers are considered, but which might cast a gloom over a sorority magazine editoress fully equal to that produced by a cockroach between two buckwheat cakes. That is now all past. This magazine has, by perseverance and patience, accumulated three exchangesses, and it is is going to live up to its opportunity. No more the merry jest and quirk and jibe. From now henceforth the serious shall claim our undivided attention. Our aim shall be lofty, our purpose of the highest. This is where we hitch our wagon to a star—comic opera preferred. Let none protest. The edict has gone forth.

At the Seventh Convention, 1913, the staff then serving was reelected with the exception of Mary Meek Atkeson. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted and her place filled by Edith Bradford, Lambda.

Through the efforts of Polly Fenton and Mary Rayne a complete file of *The Alpha Xi Delta* had been collected and placed in the national archives. Realizing its great value as a store house of fraternity history, the convention adopted a ruling which requires each chapter to bind and place on its shelves each succeeding volume of the journal. The binding is done at one place, which is chosen by the Grand Editor.

Up until this time the journal had had no required financial support from alumnae, a fact which added much

to the business problems of its manager. Two dollars was now added to the initiation fee of each member in payment of a subscription to *The Alpha Xi Delta* for the first two years after leaving college.



EDITH BRADFORD, *Lambda*

The Eighth Convention, 1915, reelected the same editorial staff, three of whose members had served four years and the fourth member two years.

Miss Fargo was compelled to resign early in 1917 because of added press in her professional duties at the Los Angeles county library. The position of *alumnæ* editor was filled temporarily by Ida Fenton Leonard, *Theta*.

With the entrance of the United States into the World War, the character of *The Alpha Xi Delta* underwent an abrupt change.

It reflected the change in the lives of American college students. Its pages were given over to the flaming patriotism of youth and equally to the practical application of that patriotism to the increasing difficulties of those years. Hooverized recipes appear as an aid to house managers, eager accounts are given of sacrificed dances to benefit the French or Belgium relief, of splendid campaigns made successful by the selfdenial of those who "gave until it hurt." Again and again appear the personal records of Alpha Xi Deltas who served the cause of civilization at the camps on this side of the water or at those over seas.

In July, 1918, the Ninth Convention elected Anna

Miller-Knote, Zeta, Executive Secretary, an office which was then made to include that of National Editor. Her staff was composed of Hazel Macy-MacNamee, Lambda, Associate Editor; Grace Spencer-Phillips, Kappa, Alumnae Editor; Hazel Mercer, Delta, Business Manager.

The result of the influence of the World War, which had opened the pages of the journal to so many topics foreign to them until that time, continued to be evident. Whatever is of interest to women in their development and their qualification for the responsibilities which life brings them is now material for *The Alpha Xi Delta*. Beyond the thought of being fraternity women or college women is that of being worthy citizens of a great country.

The editorial staff elected by the Tenth Convention was composed of Ethel Baldwin-Bruce, Eta, National Executive Secretary; Ethel Hoskins-Armstrong, Mu, Associate Editor; Irene Raine-Mix, Mu, Alumnae Editor; Hazel Mercer, Delta, Business Manager.

An especially interesting department developed at this time was one treating of college customs. Each college has its own customs and beloved traditions—an indispensable part of its background. Familiarity with the peculiar features of student life brings revealing knowledge. Old traditions and revered customs are formed by the love of generation after generation of students and proclaim the manner of men and women who observe them.

The Eleventh Convention, 1922, took action which will eventually endow *The Alpha Xi Delta* and permanently solve the financial problems attendant upon its publication. Life subscriptions were required of all members initiated after July 1, 1922. A campaign for life subscriptions from alumnae members was instituted through the co-operation of the alumnae chapters.

The staff elected at this time was composed of Anna Miller-Knote, Executive Secretary; Hazel Mercer, Delta, Associate Editor; Helen Willis-Lynn, Pi, Alumnae Editor; Calla Andrus, Theta, Business Manager.

In May, 1923, an historical number was published, celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of Alpha Xi Delta. The pictures of Alpha Chapter in 1893 and 1894 were of unusual interest as were the greetings to the fraternity from the founders who had called it into being and from the former presidents who had directed the growth of that being.

The journal has recorded the development of Alpha Xi Delta since it first turned its thoughts outward from Lombard College. In it are revealed the problems which the fraternity faced and the solutions which it found for them. The movements which have influenced the world of college Greeks are here portrayed.

In the first years of its national life Alpha Xi Delta was bending every effort toward the prompt and firm establishment of its blue and golden banner over worthy chapters. Its thoughts were centered upon its own needs and advancement or that advancement had not been so sure and permanent. With the accomplishment of the first steps in its larger life, the fraternity was freer to think of others and to take its part in the movements affecting women, both as students andumnæ. This struggle, followed by the widening outlook, is faithfully portrayed in the journal. Through *The Alpha Xi Delta* is revealed both the brain life and the heart life of the fraternity.

“THE DIRECTORY”

Not least in value among its publications is a fraternity's directory of its members. The condensed information which it contains is put to many uses. In no other way is the growth and strength of a fraternity so well revealed as through directory pages.

The first Alpha Xi Delta directory was made in 1902 when Alpha Chapter brought the list of its membership up to date in regard to addresses and married names, in order that the national organization might begin with correct historical data.

The first printed directory appeared in May, 1905. It was a simple, alphabetical list of names which took up the last five pages of that number of the journal. Four years later, a second directory appeared in August, 1909. It was again combined with an issue of the journal. In addition to the alphabetical list the names were given by chapters, according to the order of initiation. This arrangement proved to have little reference value and was not used again.

The Alpha Xi Delta for August, 1911 contained the third directory. The names were arranged in the manner which has been used since. Two lists were given, a geographical one and an alphabetical one in which married women were listed under both their maiden and married names.

It was decided by convention action that the fourth edition of the directory should be published separately from the journal. Hence, it appeared as a supplement to the December number, 1913. This edition was the work of Edna Johnson-Austin, Lambda, who had been appointed for that task by the Seventh Convention.

The governmental urge to the saving of paper during the World War and the time shortly after it caused the fifth directory to appear as a number of the journal, November, 1919. The sixth edition was published in 1923 and is the work of Rho Chapter and Lincoln Alumnae Chapter, directed by Lulu Runge. A departure from custom was made with this edition in that it was sold as a separate publication instead of being mailed without charge to all subscribers of the journal.

“THE QUILL”

From time to time there arise questions of policy or the interpretation of rulings which it is desirable to discuss with the entire fraternity. Yet such questions are of an intimate nature and not of public interest. Lengthy explanations carried on through correspondence is an added burden to already over-busy officials.

An attempt to solve this problem was made by withdrawing an issue of the journal from exchange and mailing it only to fraternity members. While that served the required purpose it was not an altogether satisfactory method.

In 1913, the Seventh Convention established a secret publication, *The Quill*, which was to appear twice a year in months in which the journal is not published. Its pages afforded national officers a simple means of communication with all the chapters and a direct avenue for the discussion of fraternity policy.

As originally planned, its publication rested with the national officers in turn, exclusive of the editor-in-chief. With the establishment of the office of executive secretary, this duty also developed upon the secretary, but was to be performed with the aid of the other national officers.

The expense of the publication of *The Quill* is born by the national treasury. It is mailed to all college and alumnae chapters and to those members who are doing national work.

CHAPTER XIII

THE SONGBOOK

THROUGHOUT the ages song has proven itself the superior medium for the articulation of emotion. From the airy nonsense of gayest moods, to the ringing challenge to combat with its aftermath of victory or defeat, through sober thought to deepest sorrow, every phase of human experience has found musical interpretation. It is not surprising that the vision of Alpha Xi Delta, called forth by the ideals and mutual love of our founders, should have inspired songs even before the first golden quills were worn.

Frances Cheney, whose poet-heart made such great gifts to the fraternity, wrote a number of poems, some of which were set to music. *Our Chapter is the Dearest* which later came to be called by the words of its first line, *Strong are the Ties Which Bind Us*, is probably the most sung of her compositions to-day.

Louie Strong-Taylor wrote *The Roses Grow in Vain* and set it to the tune of *Bring Back My Bonnie To Me*. This was a favorite serenading song with Alpha Chapter in its early days.

The first edition of the songbook appeared in 1900. It was arranged and printed by Delta Theta Chapter of Sigma Nu and presented to Alpha Xi Delta as a gift upon the seventh anniversary of Founders' Day. It was a slender, paper-bound volume, done in light and dark blue, the fraternity's colors. It contained the words of thirteen songs, at least five of these being by Frances Cheney. She is represented by *Strong Are the Ties Which Bind Us*, a *Welcome Song* which was then sung just before the initiation service, two militant hymns voicing Alpha Xi Delta's resolution to live and *Delta, a Power for Good*

which expressed much of the hope our founders cherished for their organization. Louie Strong-Taylor's *The Roses Grow in Vain*, Maude Hoskinson-Smith's *Alpha, Thou Art Our Guide*, *An Alpha-Sig Song* by Helen Miles-Smith, a *Reunion Song* by Mary Thorn, two songs dedicated to the fraternity by members of Sigma Nu and several unsigned poems completed the volume.

While the First National Convention, 1903, authorized the publication of a second edition of the songbook, it was several years before it was brought out. Meanwhile as new songs were written they appeared in the journal. Two among these were notable. Vol. I, No. 1. contained *The Thought in the Heart of the Rose* by Frances Cheney, which has taken an unusually sacred place in the life of the fraternity. The *Farewell Song* by Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta, was published in 1905. That year Zeta Chapter was particularly sorrowful at losing four seniors, three of whom had been founders of the chapter. At the close of the last chapter meeting for the year, the freshmen gave a dinner in honor of the seniors. Mrs. Knote had written the song for that occasion and the girls who were leaving sang it through once, the chapter joining them in its second singing. The singing of this song at the year's last chapter meeting not only became a Zeta custom, but many other chapters also observe it.

The Third Convention, 1905, acted favorably upon the publication of a second edition of the songbook. Eta Chapter was appointed as a committee in charge of this work, being under the direction of Terese Tobin-Wright and Martha Hutchings-McKean. In speaking of their work at the Fifth Convention, Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha, said in her presidential address,

Eta Chapter, directed by Martha McKean and Terese Wright, have done a splendid work in collecting Alpha songs and publishing them. It is a great help in strengthening sorority spirit to have frequent singing of our songs. Martha and Terese have written and composed both words and music and have made the songbook a great success.

The Fourth Convention, 1907, appointed Margaret Hoard-Garrett, Eta, as Custodian of the Songbook, and she has now given seventeen years of uninterrupted service in that capacity. A discussion arose of the suggestion that each initiate be required to buy a book. It was decided that the purchase should not be an absolute requirement, but that persuasion be used to secure that result.

By some chance the *Welcome Song* written by Frances Cheney had been used by the fraternity but a short time. In 1907 Edith Van Cise-Willets, Beta, and Mabel L. Day, Beta, were asked to write a song, especially for use in connection with the initiation service. The songs now used were their response.

The knowledge of the fraternity's songs was felt to be so important an influence in binding the hearts of its members to it that the Fourth Convention, 1907, adopted a ruling requiring that before initiation pledges pass an examination based upon the songs which had been assigned them for memorizing.

At the Seventh Convention, 1913, the third edition of the songbook was determined upon. For some reason no progress was made with the work during the next two years and in 1915 the committee which actually edited the book was appointed. It consisted of Clara Nelson, Eta, chairman, Helen Chase-Bulgin, Eta, Helen Gunderson, Epsilon and Ella Christenson-Colton, Eta.

The sale of songbooks to initiates by persuasion seems not to have been entirely satisfactory. In order that the songbook might be entirely self-supporting a ruling was adopted requiring its purchase by every member of the fraternity. It is so easy to borrow a book when in the college chapter. But when one has joined alumnæ ranks no force is so potent in recalling loved memories as that felt when sitting at the piano, softly playing and singing the songs of Alpha Xi Delta.

Many customs have grown up in the various chapters which center about individual songs. Two are especially worthy of mention for their influence has slowly spread

until a number of chapters observe both. Pi Chapter first began to close its meetings with a doxology sung to the tune of *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*.

God bless our colors three.
May they of service be
To Thee above.
Long may our mystic quill
Thy sacred will fulfill:
Ever a symbol still
Of truth and love.

A blessing which is sung before meals by many of our chapters originated with Sigma Chapter. It follows the most familiar melody to which the *Doxology* is sung.

Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored
And grant that this our prayer may be,
To live in peace and harmony.

There are but two song customs which have received national observation. The *Reunion Song* is always sung at the opening of each convention. Then, if ever, there is truly a reunion of Alpha Xi Delta, when the fraternity tie transforms strangers from the far corners of our country into dear friends working together toward a common end.

The Eleventh Convention, 1922, learned through the vote of its members the three songs most generally loved throughout the fraternity. The songs so chosen were: *The Rose of Alpha Xi*, *Evening Song* and *Alpha Xi Delta Girls*. These songs will henceforth be known as our "National Songs" and will be among those required for memorizing during pledge instruction.

The singing of songs together has from time immemorable brought closer the hearts of the singers. So it is that though our singers be scattered in groups instead of assembled together, yet as their voices give life to the chosen melodies, the knowledge that all other chapters everywhere are singing the same songs will fill their hearts and renew fraternal love.

CHAPTER XIV

THE HISTORY

OUR founders and their immediate successors did not at once vision the growth of the organization which they had formed. They were engaged in firmly establishing the place of Alpha Xi Delta in the undergraduate life of Lombard College and in proving practical the idealistic dream which had led to its inception.

So with the women who were active in the nationalization work. Their time and energy were consumed by the countless questions demanding unpostponed answers. The many tasks requiring to be done, both those of detailed routine and those of constructive importance, did not allow their attention to wander far from the thing at hand.

Thus it was that some years passed before the importance and the interest of their work to succeeding generations of college women was realized by our leaders. The first suggestion that at some time Alpha Xi Delta would wish to publish a history came from Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha. In her memorable address to the Fifth Convention in which she forecast so much of the development of the fraternity, she spoke of the time when it would become both desirable and practical to publish a history. She recommended that some provision be made for collecting records from year to year which would prove valuable when the time came for them to be of use.

In response to this suggestion of Mrs. Leib, a ruling was adopted that on every Founders' Day the historian of each college chapter file with the Grand Vice-president a history of her chapter for the year just passed.

It was not until 1913 that it seemed desirable to go



MARGARET FERRISS, *Theta*



ESTHER DUNNING, *Upsilon*



FERN FALLOON, *Pi*



HELEN WILLIS LYNN, *Pi*

forward with this project. Then the Seventh Convention appointed Mrs. Leib to serve as the editor of the history, her term of office to last until 1919.

Mrs. Leib was by far the member of the fraternity best qualified to perform this task. She was familiar with the traditions of our founding, knowing most of the founders personally. She had been a member of Alpha Chapter at the time of the national movement. With the exception of but one year she had served as a national officer from April 17, 1902 until October 30, 1909, giving more than five years to the duties which belong to the presidency. Unfortunately, prolonged illness and death coming to her family, made it impossible for Mrs. Leib to perform the rather arduous task which she had so loyally planned to undertake.

Helen Willis-Lynn, Pi, was appointed as editor of the fraternity history by the Eleventh Convention, 1922. Serving with her were Esther Dunning, Upsilon, Fern Falloon, Pi, and Margaret Ferris, Theta. The plan pursued was that of having each associate editor responsible for a definite portion of the work.

The history was first placed on sale at the Twelfth Convention, 1924. An especial effort by the national council had made that convention an unusual reunion of our founders. At an appointed hour the founders and national officers present sat together, autographing the histories which were brought to them for that purpose by the girls who had purchased them. A charge was made for the signatures and the money so raised added to the National Scholarship Fund. Thus a few strokes of the pen had made those copies of the history more pregnant with fraternity association and contributed materially to a cause dear to Alpha Xi Delta.

An unforeseen result of the writing of the history was the collection of the third complete file of *The Alpha Xi Delta*. At the time when Mrs. Lynn began her work there were but two complete files in existence; that in the national archives and the one in the Panhellenic Collec-

tion of the New York Public Library. In her search for material, Mrs. Lynn built up a file of journals, being especially indebted to Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha, for complete copies of volumes I and II and to Cora Bolinger-Block, Alpha, for copies of sixteen early numbers. This file, when no longer needed for reference use, was offered to Alpha Chapter since so large a part of it had been gifts from members of Alpha. In order that no unfortunate chance may ever again scatter the collected journals, Alpha Chapter had the volumes bound before placing them on its library shelves.

The correspondence necessitated by research work for the history brought letters from our founders and from most of the women who had sometime served as national officers. These letters, relating the development of Alpha Xi Delta by the women who had guided that development, were added to the national archives. So was an invaluable treasure preserved for those who come after us for the reading of a letter, written no matter how long before, brings one into intimate contact with the mind of the writer as a friend smiling at one.

CHAPTER XV

THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

VERY early in the life of Alpha Xi Delta an earnest desire grew in the hearts of its members. They longed for the time to come when they would be able to express in material form the fraternity's two great ideals—service to others and sincere scholarship. They dreamed of a scholarship fund which would aid worthy and ambitious girls to higher education. This dream was first clothed in words at the Fifth Convention, 1909. An earnest discussion as to ways and means ended with the reluctant decision that it was not yet a possibility for the fraternity to finance such a fund.

The desire continued to live in the heart of Alpha Xi Delta as one of the things which the future must yield. In 1913 the Seventh Convention again considered the possibility of establishing a graduate scholarship fund. Feeling that a small beginning was preferable to longer delay, it determined upon a sum of three hundred dollars. Of this money, two hundred twenty-five dollars was to be paid from the national treasury and seventy-five dollars was to be raised by the *alumnæ* chapters. By some chance, this fund which had been intended to benefit some member of Alpha Xi Delta was never used. The fraternity had hoped that its modest offering might achieve some result, but it was unregarded.

In 1920 the Tenth Convention expressed the will of the fraternity in determining to endow a graduate scholarship fund of ten thousand dollars. Five hundred dollars of the income derived from this sum is to be given each year to the American Association of University Women, to be awarded by them as a graduate scholarship available for use in either the United States or Europe.

In accordance with the desire of our founders that Alpha Xi Delta might be of service to others outside the fraternity, the granting of this scholarship is in no way influenced by the membership or non-membership of the applicants for it.

The remainder of the income, derived from the principal of ten thousand dollars, remains in the treasury of Alpha Xi Delta and forms the basis of a loan fund. As time brings increase to this fund, the national organization will be able more and more to help those among our own membership who, through financial difficulties, might otherwise have had to discontinue their college studies.

The San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter with Eileen Kengla as its chairman was appointed as the committee on funds. Its "Dollar Campaign" was at once inaugurated. An effort was made to reach every Alpha Xi Delta, both college and alumnæ members, securing the gift of one dollar from each. Thus, from the moment of its inception, this fund represents the gift of the united fraternity.

It had been hoped that the entire amount might be raised by 1922; but the hope ended in disappointment. The delegates to the Eleventh Convention, 1922, again endorsed the chosen national work. The money of the early scholarship fund was transferred to the one now being established. The amount yet to be secured was apportioned among the college chapters in proportion to their total membership, both college and alumnæ. The San Francisco Alumnæ Chapter was retained as the committee in charge of the fund and Miss Kengla was asked to continue to serve as chairman. With renewed determination college and alumnæ chapters sought to do their part in bringing the long dream of Alpha Xi Delta to fruition.

The value to women of higher education is more and more accepted. From the beginning the fraternity has made more pleasant the life of women students. It is

fitting that a helping hand should now be reached forth, continuing the work of aiding women to fulfill their highest possibilities.

CHAPTER XVI

THE HONOR RING

AN EDUCATED, Christian womanhood is the ideal in the heart of every Alpha Xi Delta. Its teaching encourages the doing well of each daily task as it occurs and includes the faithful performance of the mere details of duty as well as the more spectacular phases which duty sometimes assumes. The principles of Alpha Xi Delta when applied each day to college life induce and compel high scholarship.

From its early years our fraternity favored the recognition of adherence to our lofty conception of college life and scholarship. This sentiment crystallized in 1909 when the Fifth Convention appointed Mary Emily Kay, Gamma, to investigate systems of awards and honors for scholarship. The Sixth Convention accepted her report in 1911.

Her recommendation was that an honor ring should be conferred upon those girls who would graduate with an average of 90% in their studies for the four years, or who would be elected to Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi. Those graduated in preceding years, whose work would have entitled them to the award, and who had contributed to our national advancement through some personal service, were to receive the ring also. In 1915 the required standard was advanced to 93% as more nearly equalling the work represented by Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. Later, Omicron Nu was added to the roll of honorary fraternities.

Mattie Fargo, Kappa, and Ida Fenton, Theta, were appointed as the committee to select the design for the honor ring. Their report was accepted at the Seventh Convention, 1913, where the ring was first conferred.

The girls present, who were entitled to the honor of the ring, were asked to come forward. Leda Atkeson-Sheets, Iota, and Annie Louise Dean, Xi, responded. So originated the fitting custom of honoring our true students at convention, a custom which was abandoned in 1918. The Eighth Convention adopted a ruling at that time which provided that the national organization should no longer grant the ring itself, but should confer the right to wear the ring upon those girls whose high standing in scholarship had entitled them to that honor.

Many of the college chapters have taken up the custom laid aside so reluctantly by the National Chapter, and grant the honor ring to such of their members as win the right to wear it.

Most unfortunately the national archives contained no list of our honor ring members in 1923. The list given here is as complete as a search of *The Alpha Xi Delta* for past years and the co-operation of both college and alumnæ chapters could make it.

ALPHA CHAPTER

Czarina M. Hall, 1913

BETA CHAPTER

Miriam Woolson-Brooks, $\Sigma \Xi$, 1893

Helen Mary Walker, 1912

Lela Pape-Caris, 1916

Martha Benbow, 1916

Florence Buck-Hagie, 1916

Jeannette Buck-Hileman, 1916

Viola Carson-Newell, 1916

GAMMA CHAPTER

Ethel Hively, 1914

Hazel Purcell, 1914

Freda Spring, 1914

Rhea Whitman-Blythe, 1914

Bess Grinnell-Bender, 1915

Iva Underwood-Bean, 1915

Leila Wiles-Ernst, 1915

Edith Anderson-Omedt, 1916

Rhea Davis, 1916

Wilda Matthias, 1916

Pearl Miller-Wykoff, 1916

Mina Parsons-Springer, 1916

Corda Peck, 1916

Olive Saltsman, 1916

Velora Thompson-Westfall, 1916

Ruby Wintzer, 1916

Jessie Allott-Bowman, 1917

Olive Shontz-Weaver, 1917

Renna Ross, 1917

Carrie Walker, 1919

Estella Scott-Stoll, 1919
Mary Koch-Harris, 1919
Margaret Woods, 1919
Vivian Doane-Scott, 1919

Gladys Rymer, 1919
Nesta Weaver-Slates, 1919
Norma Wintzer, 1919
Helen E. Wright, 1920

DELTA CHAPTER

Velma Rodefer, 1913
Edith Mercer, 1913
Barbara E. Hurt, 1915

Margaret Brittain-Mahan, 1915
Margaret Monroe, 1916
Elizabeth Morgan, 1916

EPSILON CHAPTER

Ella Christenson-Colton, 1912
Helen L. Gunderson, 1913

Emily Way, 1915
Frances Gunderson, 1917

ZETA CHAPTER

Anna Miller-Knote, 1905
Hortense Miller-Cromer, 1913
Esther Blazer-DeVoe, 1914
Ruth Cox-Tuttle, 1914
Hazel Hamilton-Beach, 1914
Ruth Homrighaus-Collins, 1914
Isabella Kennan, 1914
Martha Reynolds-Breyley, 1914
Mary Altick-Skardon, 1915
Frances Bell-Keifer, 1915

Edna Little-Fross, 1915
Helen Byers-Wearley, 1915
Esther Wise-Landefeld, 1915
Vera Miller-Pershing, 1916
Mildred Kuhns-Kock, 1916
Mildred Myers-Gregory, 1916
Mildred Smith-Cory, 1916
Winifred Knapp-Thornton, 1917
Edith Cutchall, 1917

ETA CHAPTER

Martha Hutchings-McKean, Φ B K, 1907
Josephine Howse, Φ B K, 1913
Helen DeLong, Φ B K, 1919

Dorothy Bryan-Dench, Φ B K, 1919
Florence Decker, Φ B K, 1920
Dorothy Gallinger, Φ B K, 1921
Mary Platt, Φ B K, 1922

THETA CHAPTER

Marion Ryan, Φ B K, 1906
Agnes Davis-Goff, Φ B K, 1912
Marjory Davis-Livingston, 1914
Gertrude Lundberg-Cuff, 1914
Florence Coerper-Brown, Φ B K, 1914, Σ Ξ , 1917
Dora Miller-Osterheld, Φ B K, 1915
Helen L. Wurdeman, Φ B K, 1915
Marjorie Burwell-Gratiot, Φ B K, 1916

Beth Reuss-Thompson, Φ B K, 1916
Anne Heise-Jennings, Φ B K, 1917
Helen B. Smith, Φ B K, 1919
Virginia Tener-Butterfield, 1919
Anna Stofflet, Φ B K, 1920
Dorothy Jones-Krohn, O N, 1921
Josephine Shearer, O N, 1921
Gladys Haskins, Φ B K, 1922
Helen Weir, 1922



HONOR RING MEMBERS, 1913

IOTA CHAPTER

Leda Atkeson-Sheets, Φ B K, 1912	Bernice Scott, Φ B K, 1919
Blanche F. Emery, 1912	Charlotte Berryman, Φ B K, 1921
Mary Meek Atkeson, 1913	Malissa Crawl, 1921
Eleanor E. Herring, Φ B K, 1913	Nell Hock, Φ B K, 1922
Sallie Evans-Lyon, Φ B K, 1916	Inez Hustead, Φ B K, 1922
Mary Amanda Hervey, 1917	Carrie Fleming, Φ B K, 1922

KAPPA CHAPTER

Wilhelmina Gentsch-Harris, Φ B K, 1907	Bess East-Miller, Φ B K, 1916
Byne Goodman, Φ B K, 1912	Ethel Gliffe-Woodyatt, Φ B K, 1918
Nellie Reitz-Taylor, Σ Ξ, 1912	Lois Seyster-Montrose, Φ B K, 1919
Clara Eckhardt-Evans, Φ B K, 1912	Frances Wine, Φ B K, 1922
Helen Fisher-Hohman, Φ B K, 1916	Josephine Hoffman, Φ B K, 1922

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Lena Abbe-Webster, Φ B K, 1901	Margaret Hea, 1915
Florence Garton-Needham, Φ B K, 1905	Margaret Cragin, Φ B K, 1916
Alice Hayward Edwards, Φ B K, 1906	Alice Cotton-Dolbear, Φ B K, 1916
Fannie May Clement, Φ B K, 1906	Grace Sherburne, Φ B K, 1919
Marian Colby, Φ B K, 1913	Hilda Hinckley, Φ B K, 1919
Isabella Cameron-Cutler, 1914	Margaret Lynch, Φ B K, 1920
Hazel Macy-McNamee, Φ B K, 1914	Harriet Hayward, Φ B K, 1921
	Alice Danver, Φ B K, 1921
	Edith Folsom, Φ B K, 1922

MU CHAPTER

Clara Hankey-Koenig, Φ B K, 1911	Elsie Hankey, Φ B K, 1914
Alta Potts-Stringham, Φ B K, 1914	Loretta MacNamara, Φ B K, 1923

NU CHAPTER

Elsie Waddingham-Ridley, Φ B K, 1907	Anna Balch Ridgway, Φ B K, 1912
Adelaide Fischer, Φ B K, 1909	Anne Cameron, 1914
Dorothy Mason-Palmer, Φ B K, 1912	Florence Ball, 1915
	Marie Wilson-Kerry, Φ B K, 1915

XI CHAPTER

Anna Dean-McElroy, 1912	Natalie Wood-Bailey, 1915
Addie Dean-Watts, 1912	Austin Lilly, 1919
*Elizabeth Waddy, 1914	Mildred Graham, 1919
Kathleen Sullivan Still, 1916	Zula Ferguson, 1919

* Deceased



HONOR RING MEMBERS, 1913

OMICRON CHAPTER

- | | |
|---|---|
| *Elizabeth Kedrolivansky, Φ B K,
1908 | Marguerite Templeton, Φ B K, 1918 |
| Ella Lillian Wall, 1914 | Ruth Carmichael-Dalquist, Φ B K,
1919 |
| Myrtal Lovdell-Rosenthal, Φ B K,
1916 | |

PI CHAPTER

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Virginia Crissenberry-Harding, 1913 | Mary Pelley-Johnston, 1915 |
| Key Wenrick, 1913 | Olive Robens-Ridge, 1916 |
| Irene Virginia Aber, 1915 | Eirene Esch-Milligan, 1917 |
| Nina Conner Aber, 1915 | Mary Kerr, 1917 |
| *Christine Lawe-Nye, 1915 | Grace Barker, 1920 |
| Effie Hedges-Cooperrider, 1915 | Pauline Walden, 1922 |
| Cora Mast-Baker, 1915 | |

RHO CHAPTER

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Agnes Nielson, 1915 | Ada Kibler, 1918 |
| Isabel Coons-Gillespie, Φ B K, 1915 | Lucile Keith, 1918 |
| Caryl Spaulding, Φ B K, 1916 | Marianne Whitaker, Φ B K, 1919 |
| Fern Longacre-Srb, Φ B K, 1914 | Augusta Kibler, Φ B K, 1919 |
| Edith Yungblut-Babson, Φ B K,
1918 | Louise Emmett, O N, 1922 |
| | Jessie Tucker, Φ B K, 1922 |

SIGMA CHAPTER

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Mildred Yule-Phelps, Σ Ξ , 1906 | Alice McMahon, Φ B K, 1920 |
| Bessie L. Pierce, Φ B K, 1910 | Mary Anderson-Cox, Φ B K, 1920 |
| Helen Waldron-Latham, Φ B K, 1912 | Frances Dearborn, Φ B K, 1920 |
| Lucile Waldron-Roberts, 1917 | Esther Sharpe, Φ B K, 1922 |

TAU CHAPTER

- Phyllis M. Blanchard, 1917

UPSILON CHAPTER

- | | |
|---|--|
| Hazel McCuen-Powers, Φ B K, 1915 | Marian Kimball-Walker, Φ B K,
1919 |
| Augustine LaRochelle, Φ B K, 1916 | |
| Laura Porter-Fuller, Φ B K, 1916 | Pearl Snodgrass, Φ B K, 1920 |
| Edith Halstead-Porter, Φ B K, 1919 | Mildred Hooker, Φ B K, 1921 |
| | Dorothy French, Φ B K, 1922 |

PHI CHAPTER

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bess Duffey, 1916 | Nina Crowley, 1917 |
| Viva Allen-Riker, 1916 | Alta McCombs, 1917 |
| Lela Jane Taylor, 1916 | Freda Earl-Quail, 1919 |

* Deceased



HONOR RING MEMBERS, 1913

Mable Mather, 1919
Eleanor Cooper, 1921
Opal Johnston, 1921

Ruth Peck, 1922
Irene Conklin, 1922
Elizabeth Gordon-Harper, 1922

CHI CHAPTER

Leah Jennerson, 1916
Helen Trant, 1916
Clara Dains-Williamson, 1916

Margaret Coleman-Rose, 1917
Ruth Jackson-Leatherman, 1917
May Anderson, 1917

PSI CHAPTER

Alice McNeil-Budd, 1916
Ruth Schaehne-Friedman, Φ B K,
1916
Wilhelmina Slaymaker-Kinsey,
 Φ B K, 1916

Rhoda Schick-Nusbaum, Φ B K, 1917
Emily Harris, Φ B K, 1917
Martha Schlingman, Φ B K, 1920

OMEGA CHAPTER

Nellie Stevens, 1921

Olga Bowen, 1918
Grace Watson, 1922

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Margaret Campbell, O N, 1921

Dorothy DeLany, O N, 1923

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER

Agnes Walker, 1920

Bertha Biederman, 1921
Dorothy Moninger, 1921

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

Laura Zeigler, 1919

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

Lisla Crittenden, Φ B K, 1898
Margaret Buckley Shull, Φ B K,
1908

Jean MacLellan, Φ B K, 1919

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

Lola Leske, Φ B K, 1922
Laura Leske, Φ B K, 1922
Ottalie Terrill, Φ B K, 1922

Margaret Jones, 1923
Clara Willis, 1923

ALPHA ETA CHAPTER

Nina Windle-Mahin, O N, 1916

Mabel Briggs, O N, 1919

Ruth Custer-Heckard, $\Sigma \Xi$, O N,
1920

Ruth Jordan, O N, 1920

Gleela Ratcliffe, O N, 1920

Gladys Scott-Shideler, O N, 1920

Bessie Viemont, O N, 1921

Mary Furr, O N, 1921

Lillian White, O N, 1921

Arlina Knoblock, O N, 1923

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

Virginia Scott, $\Phi \text{ B K}$, 1922

CHAPTER XVII

ALPHA XI DELTA EUROPEAN TRIP

A reminiscence of the first fraternity trip to Europe with Miss Mary Emily Kay and a bit of advice to members of succeeding parties.

MARGARET F. FERRIS

THERE were sixteen of us. A convenient number it was, too, as the compartments on European trains hold eight and we could just fill two. Sometimes when sight-seeing or on shopping expeditions we thought the number a trifle large, but we all agreed in the next breath that we could not part with a single member. If you know any of the girls you'll understand why. Miss Mary Kay, Carolyn Kay, Rhea Davis, all of Alliance, Ohio; Ruth Palmer, Mrs. Frank Ruthnow, Cleveland, Ohio; Martha Harrod, Leetonia, Ohio; Edith Mercer, Randolph, Ohio; Lucile Handyards, Wyoming, New York; Emma Herlen, Niagara Falls, New York; Marguerite, Helen and Josephine Fischer, Fort Pierre, South Dakota; Gwendolyn Drayton, Orchard, Nebraska; Margaret Ferris, Waterloo, Iowa; Eva Fisher and Mrs. Sara Ransom, Detroit, Michigan. Elsie Hanky, Minneapolis, Minn., and Byne Goodman, Champaign, Illinois, were with us until Paris—about half of the time.

From the first morning when we all assembled together in the hotel in Montreal there was a keen feeling of comradeship which, I'm confident, sprang from our mutual interests as fraternity sisters. Some of us had been getting acquainted by correspondence since our registration and we felt like old friends. Our first breakfast together was indicative of the general tone of a happy family which was characteristic of our whole journey. I feel quite sure that no promiscuously chosen group of the same number could have been as happy to-

gether and as free from unpleasant pettiness as we. Our Alpha Xi Delta ideals and training were responsible for this as well as the fact that all the girls possess the worthwhile characteristics we like and find in our members.

We were to sail from Montreal, but due to the low river, it was necessary to take a train to Quebec and go aboard there. Is there anything quite so exciting as going aboard a ship, finding your state-room, getting your mail and packages, sending a last farewell to the folks at home, hunting out your deck chair and finally, hanging over the rail and straining your eyes for a last glimpse of shore. You won't realize that green is the most beautiful color in the spectrum or that a tree is God's greatest achievement until you've looked at "water, water everywhere" for days and days. Provided, of course, that you are able to be on deck all of that time. Mary Kay says sea-sickness is all in one's imagination. The Fischers and I were too ill to protest, but we still think, if that be true, our imaginations are strong enough to support the Woolworth building. Even such wretchedness is a small price to pay for the wonders to come. Besides, no one ever dies, though many would like to do so.

Can you imagine a more sane Fourth of July than arriving in England? Narry a sound of the celebration we had been taught to associate with the day! But landing in beautiful England gives a far greater thrill than the noise of any cannon cracker. We went at once to Chester. We have been undecided whether its whole charm lay in itself and its history or whether some was due to the joy of walking without having the pavement come up to meet you and being able to go as far as one wished in a straight line—ten times around the deck makes a mile and also makes one feel like a merry-go-round.

We all loved rural England and can easily understand why the English gentleman lives in the country. We left

Chester and went to Warwick with side trips to Kenilworth, Stratford-on-Avon and Leamington. A day was spent in Oxford and though we may be a trifle confused concerning the names and buildings of the colleges there, we remember the great fun of punting on the river Cherwell. A week was spent in London. At first we were disappointed. No high buildings, no soot, no hurry and confusion that characterize our American cities. We soon came to love the quaintness and beauty of the galleries and were sorry to leave. That feeling of not wishing to leave was one of our most frequently felt emotions throughout all the summer.

We crossed the North Sea at night arriving in Antwerp quite early the next morning. This was our first real sight of a foreign land for, after all, England is really our cousin and her customs are not so different from our own. An American cruiser was in port at Antwerp and *Old Glory* did bring a thrill. We were invited aboard and enjoyed the experience. From there we went on to Brussels, recognized as little Paris. Here we got our first glimpse of the deadly events of the war and what our Allies had to endure. The whole trip of nearly eight hours from Brussels to Paris brought scene after scene of devastation and ruin and mile after mile of wrecked Red Cross ambulances, tanks and airplanes. It was awe inspiring to see, but very depressing.

Paris comes up easily to all that is said of it. We didn't see much of the characteristic night life because we were always tired at night from a whole day of new wonders. A week in Paris is not nearly long enough but one does see a great deal in that time. Trips to Versailles, Chateau Thierry, Belleau Woods, and Rheims were among our greatest experiences.

We had just a glimpse of what Germany might be like in our night's stop in Strassburg. Switzerland was enchanting, especially to those of us who had never been in the mountains before. The beauty was fascinating and our minds enjoyed the relaxation of appreciation

without trying to remember facts. The trips up Mt. Rigi and Jungfrau stand out as examples of the great feats accomplished by modern engineering. One gets all the experiences of an aviator without any of the complications.

Peaceful days of rest and absorbing nature were spent in Legans and Bellagio, Italy. Thence we crossed beautiful Lake Como and went on to Venice. The romance of Venice has been sung throughout the ages, but sunlight banishes much of it. How can romance exist in filth? Filth and poverty do much to overshadow the beauty of Italy and her treasures, but even so, we could not omit that part of our trip. From Venice to Florence where the most choice of art treasures are found and where the temperature soars so high in the middle of the day that it is safer to remain indoors. We went to an Italian "movie" that ran true to form by killing off all the caste, reincarnating them and doing it all over again. We fully expected to be knifed in the back on the way to the hotel after that gruesomeness.

We spent five days in Rome, crowned with an audience with the Pope and a motor trip to Tivoli. Visits to numberless churches and galleries gave us a feeling similar to that of cramming before examinations or swallowing a Christmas dinner whole. Our digestive powers were exhausted and we had to complete the process after we got home.

Naples and the bay and Vesuvius! Second in splendor only to Amoldi which we visited on a motor trip from Naples through Pompeii, Ravello to Sorrento. The Blue Grotto at Capri was a splendid climax to a party tired almost beyond thrills.

Through our days of journeying and sight-seeing had come experience with its wisdom as well as tiredness. Girls, be sure to take your kodaks when you go. You'll cherish your pictures nearly as highly as your reputations when you return. I have two memory books that I would not part with for a great deal. One is filled with

pictures of my own taking—twenty-one dozen of them—and the other with commercial pictures of all points of interest “over there.” My advice is not to waste your films on buildings and scenes of that sort for you can buy prints at a low price and you are sure of your result. Even the best of us spoil a film occasionally and then you are out entirely. Pictures of places with members of your party included are always appreciated when you get home. Fancy the enjoyment of reassuring yourself that you were really there by looking at a snap of yourself in “no man’s land” or in the ruins of Kenilworth or coasting on Jungfrau. A year or so after your return it sometimes seems too good to be true and you wonder if you ever really went or whether you dreamed it. It is a comfortable method of pinching yourself to see if you are awake.

And be sure to go prepared to shop! Mary Kay is a veteran shopper as well as traveler and will lead you to the most enticing shops. I know you will all wish they would discover oil in your father’s back yard so you could buy and buy and buy. But there are heaps of beautiful things moderately priced. Leave your shopping manners at home and go prepared to give the shop keeper two lire when he asks ten and five francs when he says twenty. It is a corrupting practice but one that is fully expected. But to get back to the articles one can buy—if there are any engaged girls among you don’t buy your linens or laces until you go over. You won’t know that anything so exquisite existed. Think of a real lace wedding veil! They have them to suit nearly any purse. If you are not engaged you cannot resist starting a hope-chest anyway. If you are anything like us, you will have it nearly filled before you see the Statue of Liberty again. You’ll buy linens, laces, prints of old Masters, cameos, beads and antiques until you won’t have any space to pack such common and earthly articles as blouses and shoes. Of course, you will buy a “Paris Gown” and cherish it until death do you part. But remember, “he

who dances must pay the fiddler.” Some day you are going to have to make out a declaration slip and face a customs officer so don’t let “Fay go unrestrained.”

I sound so grandmotherly, giving advice, but we come to it sooner or later, just as I had always insisted that wearing a shawl was the last infirmity of old age and then consistently wore my Spanish shawl, bought in Rome, every evening on the boat coming home. Some of us hesitated to enthuse a second time over a twelve day ocean voyage, but we were all glad to start for home. It is only then that you realize how far away you have been. Either Providence was kind to us or we were better sailors for we really enjoyed the return voyage.. The one unpleasant experience of the entire trip was our parting in New York. It was hard to say good-bye after all our happy times together. There had sprung up among us close ties of friendship and we were grateful to Alpha Xi Delta for a most glorious summer.

CHAPTER XVIII

ALPHA XI DELTA IN THE WORLD WAR

FERN FALLOON

IT IS to America, with the spirit of fraternity that her democracy fosters, that we must credit the rise of the Greek-letter fraternities. During the years, previous to the Civil War, when colleges and universities were being moulded for a definite place in the life of the nation, those far-sighted men and women founded the fraternities which have come to parallel even the colleges in developing the ideals of the youth of the nation. There came through the years of peace a marked and steady development, in the various fraternities; but not until the great World War, were the fraternities called upon for service beyond the realm of the halls of learning. With the call to the colors and the preparation of our country for war, the fraternities took their place in the fore, and throughout the months served at home and abroad in a manner that has spelled immortality for that spirit of brotherhood and service that the fraternity represents. Not alone in positions of trust in the climes of France, Belgium and Russia but in those dark, wearisome days of reconstruction have we found men and women, full of the spirit of fraternity, sacrificing themselves for service in the interest of peace and progress. It is that spirit of service, the devotion to the ideals of brotherhood, that sent those of our own people to sister nations in distress, to fight, suffer and die with them—that spirit of fraternalism inherited from our ancestors that we would honor. We would dedicate our praise not only to Alpha Xi Delta but to the brotherhood of fraternity. And yet, the achievements of Alpha Xi Delta during the World War must stand in no dim and uncertain outline

for those who will follow in her heritage; for, in the realization that they will desire to know of that splendid past assumed by their fraternity, we record her part.

In writing a history which deals with the service of women in an international crisis, we must remember that because of the nature of a woman's interest, her work is of a different trend than one usually associates with history. A woman's work is less spectacular, and because of that, opinion sometimes scorns her efforts. It is the lot of woman to sacrifice. The mothers who sent their sons to answer the call, the wives who sent husbands who might never return, the sweethearts who parted with those they loved, the sisters who sent brothers, experienced infinite heartaches and suffering. We cannot ever pay full tribute to those whose part was in active participation in the combat and we would with the same appreciation honor those whose part was not an active one.

And even in active service, we must feel that there have been many instances of courageous effort and sacrifice with sublime heroism that will be forever closed to the confines of the printed page. Only would a record be complete if it extended from that early day, when the first Alpha Xi gave her service for the advancement of the cause, until the present time. But years have passed since the armistice day that closed open hostilities and many informative channels have closed with the passing of time. Yet untold instances of patriotism are never lessened. They deserve a place in a history telling the active service of Alpha Xi Delta during an eventful period.

America was the first country to give official recognition to women as a unit in the fighting machine. Recognizing woman power as a valuable asset in war work a Women's Committee was created by the Council of National Defense. With unprecedented ability these women formulated a plan of organization which called for the development of the following departments: Regis-

tration; Food Administration; Education; Child Welfare; Social and Welfare Work; Organization; Liberty Loan; Health and Recreation Agencies; and Home and Foreign Relief.

National organization then co-operated with this committee by expressing their willingness to serve in any way. The heads of these organizations were appointed to constitute an Honorary Advisory Committee. Such organizations as the National Federation of College Women, French and Belgian Relief, National League for Women's Service, Y. W. C. A., and the Red Cross were enrolled in aiding the development of these departments. A glimpse in the past revealing the diversity of needs in such a crisis explains the variety of service in which women engaged.

Turning then to Alpha Xi Delta's participation in women's war work we give befitting honor first to the alumnae chapters. Every one of the sixteen alumnae chapters, including: Alliance, Mt. Pleasant, Boston, Syracuse, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis-St. Paul, San Francisco, Springfield, Madison, Galesburg, and Kansas City which existed during the war, was actively engaged as a unit in Red Cross work. The Red Cross rendered some of the most valuable service during the war. With only voluntary contributions as a working basis, this organization performed a service that makes its symbolic cross forever sacred in the memories of those who followed the activities of war. With those who gave their entire service to nursing under this unit were the women who gave their time to work in the Motor Corps, in Canteen Service, in Social Service, in Information and Reclamation Bureaus, in Surgical Dressings and War Relief Corps.

Soon after the declaration of war, women began to send all kinds of materials to the Red Cross Headquarters. Very early the government and the central bureaus of the various organizations soliciting voluntary aid requested that goods be made as nearly uniform as pos-

sible and in quantities that could be used. Accordingly certain work was assigned to officials in prescribed areas and careful watch given so that there should be no waste. The Red Cross gave the Alumnæ chapters definite work which they did during their regular meetings.

The work in its phases is varied then, not because of any interest existing within the chapters other than a hearty spirit of co-operation on the part of the women to fulfill the needs of the service men. The work included the making of afghans for hospitals, layettes for war orphans, comfort and hospital kits for soldiers, surgical dressings and knitting. The meetings proved to be gatherings for the work upon Red Cross material for even while the regular business was being transacted the women were actively engaged in sewing or knitting. Individual members gave of their time in the Red Cross rooms so that all of their spare time was taken in the work.

In addition to Red Cross work the chapters participated in other war activities. The Alliance chapter was engaged in work in the National League for Woman's Service, a most remarkable war emergency organization; the Seattle alumnæ worked through the French and Belgian Relief; the Springfield chapter sent representatives to aid in local draft board work; the Galesburg alumnæ went out as instructors in sewing for Belgian Relief and made contributions to the Day Nursery Fund; while the Kansas City chapter sent knitted gifts to the Navy League. Unique in the contributions of chapters was that of San Francisco who sent money for relief of the family of Elizabeth Kedrolivansky that was starving in Russia. Elizabeth Kedrolivansky was one of the local founders of Omicron Chapter. Each chapter took up an active campaign to promote food conservation and the various members did everything possible to conserve in their own homes. Besides the amounts contributed in money in the various organization solicitations and drives by the chapters. The alumnæ bought as chapter groups

varying amounts of Liberty Bonds. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter purchased five hundred dollars in Liberty Bonds and the San Francisco group invested one hundred dollars. These specific examples are recorded only in the general trend of the chapter's work. There can be no definite estimate as to the amounts contributed by the various members of the *alumnæ* chapters.

In turning to individuals of the fraternity *alumnæ*, groupings and order will be made in accordance with the type of work.



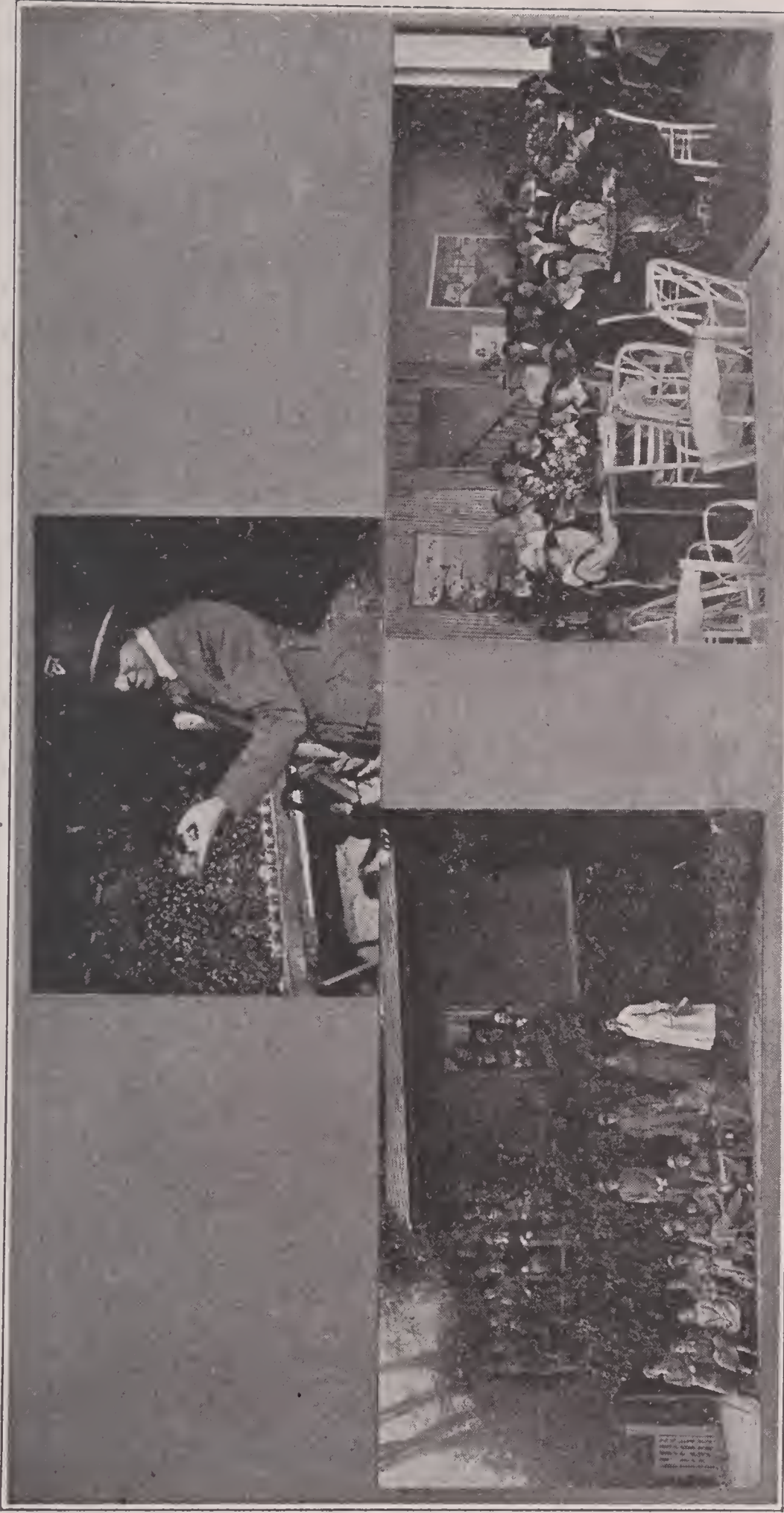
ELLA LILLIAN WALL TREATING AN OFFICER PATIENT FOR FACIAL PARALYSIS

Perhaps it was because of the inherent sympathy of women to help those in suffering, or it may be that ingress into that branch of service was easiest, that the Nursing Corps Service drew a vast army of women. After training they were sent abroad to follow in the wake of battle and care for the wounded American boys. The service was trying, often carried on in improvised

first-aid stations almost in line trenches, and although every precaution was taken to keep the nurses away from hostile fire, yet there was that impending danger from a foe who had no regard for the blazen cross of the hospital. Some of the women did their work in fields far removed from the scenes of war. This was in the long months of preparation for service, in many cases only to find at its completion that the war was over. Much of the hardest work was done in the re-building of the maimed and torn bodies of the wounded after the war.

Ella Lillian Wall, Omicron '14, enlisted in July, 1918, at Letterman General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, in the Army Nursing Corps. Her specific duties were that of a Physiotherapist which came to mean electrotherapy and surgical illustration during operations for bone grafting and nerve suturing. She was mobilized for overseas duty with Unit 14, A. E. F. at the Nurses Mobilization Station in New York, November, 1918. Miss Wall was demobilized December 30, 1918, with Unit 23, A. E. F. and ordered to report to the Base Hospital, Camp Custer, Michigan. She was in charge of the Electrotherapy Department in orthopedic service in Camp Custer until March, 1920, when she was ordered to the General Hospital in New Jersey to take charge of facial paralysis cases where she received a reward of merit for her services. In June, 1919, she was sent to Canada for inspection of hospitals and appointed to a special overseas commission July, 1919. At her own request she was ordered to Letterman to be honorably discharged August, 1919. In 1921, she was sent to Coblenz for duty with the American Army of Occupation. Upon her return she became a member of the Berkeley Post No. 7 American Legion and was made chairman of the Welfare Work for 1922. Miss Wall was elected second vice-commander for 1923 in an uncontested election as the first girl to be so honored. While on a visit in Oakland, Commander Alvin Owsley installed her amid great ovation.

Another branch of governmental service which af-



ESTHER SLEIGHT AND ONE OF HER LITTLE PETS

THE LITTLE HOUSE IN THE TREETOPS

READING ROOM—FOYER DES ALLIEES TOURS

forded active work in France was that of the Signal Corps. Blanche Grande-Maitre, Mu '11, sailed with the third unit of the French-American toll service and served as an operator in the U. S. Signal Corps. Her services were especially valuable because speaking French as fluently as English she was an efficient interpreter between the American and French armies.

Theo Fenton, Theta '09, served as a laboratory assistant to a doctor and sailed for France with Base Hospital Unit 22.

Another organization which was privileged to render inspiring service to the government in its time of greatest need was the Young Women's Christian Association. Recognizing its responsibilities in providing conditions conducive to women's best work in special industries created during the war, a War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. was formed. Under this branch various forms of service were perfected; housing conditions for working girls were changed, constructive work in England, France and Russia were undertaken; and the cafeteria, which the Y. W. C. A. had used before the war, was developed in such a manner that their experience was utilized.

The Y. W. C. A. had had an industrial department for many years so the problem of girl workers was not a new one. In some of the factories as in the clothing factory in Charleston, S. C., women were forced to work in buildings not equipped for their comfort. The factory which was next door to the navy yard had conditions bettered by the commandant working in conjunction with the Y. W. C. A. officers in furnishing a recreation house. Esther Sleight, Eta '11, worked in the Y. W. C. A. in Charleston while awaiting her call to France where she served as a Y. W. C. A. secretary.

Following requests from the commandants and the Federal Commission on Training Camp activities, hostess houses were established forming a social center for relatives who visited the men in camp. Lucille Thornton Neuman, Eta '12, assisted Ethel Baldwin Bruce, Eta '12,

in conducting a hostess house in Hoboken, New Jersey. Mrs. Bruce also was engaged in the housing and employment work through the Y. W. C. A.

Genevieve Humeston, Omega '20, gave her entire time to war work serving as a Y. W. C. A. Secretary in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Even were space available it would be impossible to tell in completeness the work of the women of the Red Cross. There was probably no community in America in which some women were not expressing their patriotism by work in this branch. It must suffice to tell of some of the more important phases of the work in which Alpha Xi Deltas were engaged.

The nursing program as assumed by the Red Cross was its most extensive undertaking. A large number of women were trained in the various phases of the work so that very soon the organization was perfected to meet the specific demands. One of those who early took work in the Red Cross Training Classes, first in Surgical Dressing and later in the Nurses Training Class was Anna Wallis, Xi '06. Her active service began with the induction of the University of Kentucky men into the Army Training Corps followed by the epidemic of influenza which raged on the campus. Seventy-five men were stricken in one day and practically the entire camp in the following days. The men were provided for in the gymnasium and a dormitory under the care of two trained nurses. Miss Wallis volunteered and remained on duty for the full two weeks. The work was of an emergency character and very strenuous. Mary Kinkead Venable, Xi '14, did volunteer work at the same time. Although she had not taken the training her services were highly commended as was that of her co-worker. M. Olive Johnson, Omicron '10, who at present is the National President of Alpha Xi Delta, nursed every day and night during the same epidemic in a hospital at San Rafael, California. Miss Johnson's knowledge of foreign languages was of especial value in foreign quarters.

Elizabeth Kedrolivansky, Omicron '08, and Mary Sherman, Sigma '14, nursed in a temporary hospital at Oakland Civic Auditorium, Oakland, California.

Genevieve Poland, Iota '17, served as a nurse at Logan, West Virginia. Alice Cotton Dolbear, Lambda '16, Marjorie Henry Leach, Lambda '12, and Josephine Hines, Chi '17, engaged in service after having completed the nursing course given by the Red Cross. Mabel Neuse Wishard, Beta '10, took the First Aid Training Course and a Special Course in Nurses Aid. Ruth Riden Storer, Omicron '10, also took a First Aid Course at the University of California.

To the women who served in the canteens must go out smiles and hearty cheers from thousands of boys who had their spirits brightened in hours of need. With the close of the war, that work assumed gigantic proportions as the men returned home. The Alliance, Ohio, canteen, which operated in the Pennsylvania Station, stands out as typical of the Red Cross Canteen service. It was conceived and executed by one of the patronesses of Gamma Chapter and operated under her supervision from December 9, 1918, until June 1, 1919. At that time, Hazel Purcell, Gamma '14, was placed in charge and operated the canteen until it was discontinued September 1 of that year. The service included the equipping of the rest room and the organizing of units for service. One can only conceive the extent of the actual canteen work by regarding certain figures. During the period of activity of the Alliance canteen, 134,662 men were served with lunch consisting of sandwiches, coffee and cakes and in addition supplies, ranging from pocket mirrors to vases and watermelons, were furnished. The quantity of food handled reads as follows: 8,727 gallons of coffee, 9,286 weiner sandwiches, 14,575 dozen cookies and doughnuts. The work was extensive enough to satisfy every demand upon service and may be traced entirely to the work of those inspired in the spirit of Alpha Xi Delta.

Elsie Waddingham Ripley, Nu '07, served oversea

as a Red Cross canteen worker during hostilities. Ruth Stark Behlow, Omicron '13, served in France as a canteen worker described in part as follows, "started out as a regular worker dishing out coffee and rolls or chocolate and doughnuts, or sewing on chevrons and insignia while the fellows said, 'Do you think that will stick till I get home?'" Her work included service all through France and might be recorded in some of the most vivid experiences of Alpha Xi Deltas during the war.

The Motor Corps of the Red Cross was outfitted with chauffeurs in many cases by women. The work was exacting for it called for constant exposure to weather and difficult conditions. Lena Baldwin, Eta '06, and Evelyn Evans, Omicron '21, served in the Red Cross Motor Corps, the former being eventually commissioned a lieutenant.

In the interests of Civilian Relief, many Alpha Xis gave their services. Anna Gillis Kimble, Alpha '03, a former editor of *The Alpha Xi Delta*, was one of the first to be assigned to the work. At the outbreak of the war, she was designated to take charge of Home Service work in Miltonvale, Kansas. She was also awarded the Red Cross Service Badge and the United States Treasury Medal for service in the Victory and Liberty Loan drives. Carrie Spring, Gamma '14, served as secretary of the Civilian Relief Committee at Alliance, Ohio, during the war.

Many women found an opportunity for service as supervisors in various phases of Red Cross work. The work was varied as it was distinctive and offered almost innumerable occasions for work. Clara Staads, Rho '16, was a supervisor in the Surgical Dressings Department of the Red Cross. Laila Hall, Lambda '06, and Nellie Kimball Loomis, Lambda, supervised Surgical Dressings at Watertown. In White Bear, Minnesota, Alpha Xi Deltas were giving their time to the same work. Alice Ridder, Upsilon '20, was a directress of the Red Cross Stations and Grace Gilbert, Mu '20, gave her entire time

as a directress in Surgical Dressings. Miss Gilbert also served as a directress in St. Paul, Minnesota. Alice Helson, Mu '11, acted as a supervisor of Red Cross activities at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at St. Paul, Minnesota; Esther Smith Goldsmith, Rho '17, and Ruth Carroll Neeley, Rho '15, were Red Cross supervisors; Gladys Gleason, Upsilon '15, completed her period of training early in the war and served meritoriously; Irene Mark Ennis, Chi '19, and Ina Haines Taylor, Chi '14, were assigned to regular Red Cross work; Mabel Hartzell, Gamma '05, served on the executive committee of the Alliance, Ohio, Red Cross chapter; Mary Emily Kay, Gamma '04, was organizer and secretary of the Alliance Chapter, instituted the Naval Auxiliary of the High School and spent a very large part of her time inducing people to join organizations and interesting them in taking war orphans. Blanche Keplinger, Gamma '12, gave part of her time as chairman of the knitting committee of the Alliance Chapter Red Cross. Aubra Markle Spalding, Omicron '04, was secretary of the Kansas City chapter of the Naval Auxiliary of the Red Cross; May Anderson, Chi '17, served as a lieutenant in the linen drive conducted under the supervision of the Red Cross in Pueblo, Colorado, and for two years gave her time to bandage rolling in the Surgical Dressings Department; Ruth Sibley Haskell, Lambda '06, gave half of her time to the Red Cross department of the Brookline Equal Suffrage Association, assisting in surgical dressing work, food conservation and any other work which the Red Cross conducted. Daisy Bartlett, Lambda '03, was secretary of the school chapter of the Junior Membership Committee of the Somerville, Mass., Chapter of the Red Cross. She also served as secretary of the committee and was delegate to the New England Division Convention of the Red Cross. Anna Wallis, Xi '06, instructed classes in Surgical Dressings twice a week during the war period. Bettie Coons Haley, Xi '12, and Elizabeth Wallis, Xi '07, worked in this branch. Gussanda Counta-

way, Lambda '04, and Helen Jackson Larrabee, Lambda '12, served as monitors in the Surgical Dressings class for the Red Cross. Sue Knight, Lambda '11, gave her entire time to service in the cause. Helen Elkin, Mu '20, took a special course in Red Cross Training and with Marguerite Elkin, Mu '16, had charge of the Red Cross work in Mayville, North Dakota. Other Alpha Xis who were active workers in the First Red Cross were: Lucille Rayne, Theta '13; Mary Rayne, Theta '09; Helen Wurdeman, Theta '15, and Velma Shartle Powell, Omicron '08. Mary Walsh, Nu '16, has the distinction of having organized the Seattle, Washington, Girls Red Cross Auxiliary composed of fraternity girls. Olive Ryan, Lambda '03, spent all of her spare time in Red Cross work at her school in Cambridge where several hundred dollars were raised among school children. Ruth Stark Behlow, Omicron '13, previous to her appointment as a canteen worker served as captain of a Red Cross team competing for honors in the collection of salvage.

Eliza Curtis Everton, Alpha '94, one of the National Founders of Alpha Xi Delta was largely instrumental in the establishment of the Sampson County, North Carolina, Chapter of the Red Cross and from the beginning served as its secretary. Mrs. Everton held this office until 1921, when she was forced to sever her affiliation upon departure from the state.

Heloise Hendershot, Gamma '16, organized Home Service in Summit County, Ohio. She is at present executive secretary for the Red Cross chapter at Akron, Ohio, in charge of all the work, which chapter she has been with for more than five and one-half years. Among her volunteer workers were Rhea Whitman Blythe, '14, and Charlotte Clark Shirk, both of Gamma and Dorothy Drake Trumbell of Nu Chapter. The work at Akron, Ohio, was entirely unorganized when Miss Hendershot took charge. It was one of the most difficult cities in the country to handle because of the polyglot citizenship but she developed a well organized staff of workers who

handled the thousands and thousands of cases. Her work was a feature of women's work in Summit County.

With those who did Relief Work are listed: Alice Murchison, Nu '09, who conducted a sewing class of the Seattle Alumnae for the French orphans; Eulalia Moroney, Alpha '16, who instructed a class in sewing in the Galesburg Public Schools; and Helen Hathaway White, Omicron '16, who spent an afternoon every week sewing for Italian children who were victims of the war.

Other workers were: Eva Jurgensohn, Nu '20, an assistant in the Supervisory Department of Physical Education at Seattle, Washington, who organized for "War Camp Community Service" the first annual Girl's Day picnic since continued by the *Seattle Times*; Verda Sanborn Moon, Rho '15, and M. Olive Johnson who served as instructors in French classes; Bertha Davis, Theta '06, who served in a library in Paris sending books to the boys at the front; Marion Reed Valleau, Mu, who did Home Service Work and Marguerite Pyel, Iota '19, who was engaged in War Social Service.

In the early period of the war the production and conservation of food was recognized as a supreme military consideration. Thus it was that those who aided in this work placed themselves among those who served in the ranks of the nation. The Women's Committee of the National Council of Defense instigated a nation-wide campaign urging elimination of waste in all directions. Workers were enlisted through State Food Administrators and their work was as varied as the situation might demand. Antoinette Olson, Mu '15, served as a County Supervisor of Food Conservation at Plentywood, Montana; Clarissa Kuhn Rowland, Theta '11, was chairman of the Woman's Food Conservation Committee of Baraboo, Wisconsin; Florence Faulkner, Alpha '15, served as an assistant in war economy cooking in the High School at Galesburg, Illinois; two alumnae members from Psi Chapter gave food conservation lectures in connection with Home Economics work in the public schools and

Florence Coerper Brown, Theta '14, in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture served as an assistant in Plant Pathology in the University of Wisconsin.

While the Liberty Loan was not designed as a Woman's activity originally, women's inspiring response to the first drive forever associated them with this financial measure of war work. A Woman's Liberty Loan Committee was formed and under its auspices drives were made. Mrs. Mary Helson Harmon, Mu '07, took an active part in these drives serving as a Precinct Chairman, while Ada Helson Thomas, Mu '13, served as a Block Chairman.

Other war campaigns and drives called for women workers. In surveying Alpha Xi Delta's enlisted in these ranks we find Lura Pelley, Pi '14, serving as chairman of all war campaign work at Mingo Junction, Ohio, and Mary Randall Smith, Theta '97, enrolled as the Speaker's Committee of the Dane County Council of Defense. Grace Mansfield, Lambda '99, established a melting pot in Wakefield, Massachusetts, to obtain money for worsted for the Wakefield Special Aid, there being no branch of the Red Cross there—small and large silver collected at this time netted four hundred dollars. The Handcraft Society of which Miss Wakefield was president earned two hundred dollars at the same time and added this to the fund.

In other phases of work we find women in many instances taking the places of men employees who then were free to enter active service. Bertha Shepard, Lambda '11, Alice Cotton Dolbear, Lambda '16, and Marion Gardner, Lambda '97, devoted one day a week serving in a Liberty Bread Shop, opened by the Boston Branch of the A. C. A. for a period of six weeks. Tufts College and Boston University took charge of the shop on the same day.

Among those doing governmental work in Washington were: Margaret Burke, Sigma '20, who gave full time

as a stenographer in the Department of Markets; Mildred Coulter Gilchrist, Sigma '17, a stenographer; Ruth Jackson Leatherman, Chi '17, a clerical worker in the Civil Service; Margaret Hawley, Alpha Iota, a stenographer in the Ordnance Department for nine months; Arlene Baugh, Omicron '11, who held a War Department secretarial position; Hazel McCuen Powers, Upsilon '15, and Alma Holton Bridgman, Upsilon '15, who did secretarial work; Dorothy Shriodes, Omicron '19, Madeline Young Murray, Omicron, and Eleanor Lux, Omicron '21, who served as Yeomanettes and the government workers, Vivian Graves, Mu '17, Margaret Wark Erskine, Pi '14, and Elizabeth Kochline, Delta '13. Other government workers were: Catherine Oder, Chi '21, who served as a wireless operator in Washington; Helen Suope, Nu '15, who served as a dietitian at Tacoma General Hospital and Camp Lewis during the war; Marion Evans, Omicron '17, Chief Bacteriologist at Camp Fremont, Base Hospital; Mary Jane Collins McKay, Pi '16, who spent a year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, judging steel; and Beatrice Fall, Tau '17, who gave mental tests to soldiers. Laila Anders, Alpha '17, of Oregon, Illinois, U. S. N. R. F. was on duty in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. She had charge of the clothing needs of two hundred fifty thousand men.

The Selective Draft also afforded many members of the fraternity opportunity for service. At first this work was delegated to the legal profession but because of the vast numbers to be served and the necessity of immediate classification, other men were called to serve and finally the women were pressed into service. For the uneducated and foreign element, the filling out of these questionnaires was a real task. The answers were to be in the handwriting of the registrant but it soon became apparent that speed and accuracy were curtailed by such orders and in many cases, it was impossible.

An outstanding worker of the fraternity on the draft board was Julia Maude Foster, one of the National

Founders. For more than two years, this noble woman spent all spare time—evenings, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays—outside of her teaching hours, assisting on the Draft Board at St. Paul and Minneapolis, filling out questionnaires and making surgical dressings and bandages. When not so engaged, she was sewing hospital garments, making clothes for the Belgian children or scrap books for the tubercular patients in the hospitals. Miss Foster says,

What I learned through the work on the Draft Board was what we have all learned during the war and since; the incapacity of such a great number of our American boys. The mental tests showed us to be a nation of thirteen year olds. So many had little or no education. Many of them were of foreign birth or of foreign parentage. Our most patriotic lads and also educated ones were the volunteers in most cases. This volunteer work saved the government thousands of dollars.

Helen Willis Lynn, Pi '17, Alumnae Editor of *The Alpha Xi Delta* says that the filling out of questionnaires was "the most fascinating thing I have ever done. One got such an intimate glimpse she writes, into life after life." She goes on to say that she "used to come out of a day in those stuffy courtrooms that always got to smell of foreign cookery, feeling really cleansed because the men tried so hard to tell the truth." Rhea Davis, '16, president of the D. of V. of Alliance, Ohio, and Ethel Hively, Mu '15, both of Gamma Chapter served creditably on the draft board. Similar work was done by Bertha Smith, Chi '16, who served as a clerk on the draft board. Without the help of these women and many others in Alpha Xi Delta whose real worth, perhaps, will never be known, the war for democracy would not so soon have been brought to a successful close.

In Akron were situated the immense rubber plants of the Goodyear and Goodrich companies. These firms were making observation and dirigible balloons. The minor places in the engineering departments were the tracers and detailers which positions were held by young men.

They were just the age for the army and yet it was very essential that their places be filled. The colleges over the country offered intensive training for women and girls for these and similar positions. And thus the minor work in all branches of the aircraft industry was done by women. The Allies pooled their information and confidential drawings were constantly being sent over to this country. This resulted in the rapid growth of the balloon industry. Helen Willis Lynn, Pi, served faithfully in the aeronautical engineering department of the Goodyear people. The work was essential and in recognition thereof she received one of the Aircraft Industrial Service Badges.

Winnafred Corwin Robinson, Theta '18, was connected with the Federal Children's Bureau and worked under the direction of Miss Julia Lathrop during the war. Many children were pressed into service for work of all kinds and Miss Lathrop had the work of enforcing the Child Labor Law which was passed by the United States government to guard children against unscrupulous employers. This law prohibited children under fourteen years of age from working in certain specified industries—mostly those carried on indoors; and no child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen should be employed for more than eight hours a day. Mrs. Robinson had the state of North Carolina to supervise and there she examined all the records of age for children who wished to work. It was a big task for birth registration was comparatively new and records were hard to find to prove the age of the applicants. There was little co-operation from employers and parents as many families were greatly in need of even the small sums earned by the children while fathers and brothers were away fighting. Mrs. Robinson found children at work in cotton mills, tobacco factories, tomato canneries and lace factories. She fought many a battle with an irate employer because she objected in the name of the Federal law against the employment of some small, undersized child who was proved to be several years below age. The importance of having given

to the children of this nation, nurture and education as a war time protection of our last reserves cannot be overestimated.

One of the women whose service was highly commendable, was Cora Bollinger Block, one of the founders of Alpha Xi Delta. It is commendable not because of extraordinary phases but rather because it was work in fields that are far removed from the spectacular evidences of war. Her work was confined wholly to efforts in her own state, Iowa, and included all of those things that have made the woman "behind the guns" immortal. Mrs. Block took up active work with the declaration of war in extending the doctrines of conservation and increased production in homes and clubs. She helped in Liberty Loan and War Saving Stamp drives, served in the Red Cross rooms and helped in war work with the women's clubs. She is the author of several interesting accounts of war work including, *Making New out of Old* and *The Davenport Woman's Club*.

The close of the war carried with it not alone the cessation of hostilities but also those wearisome months of reconstruction while nations prepared themselves for a return to peace. The work of reconstruction brought with it almost a monotony of weariness, for it was to those workers in that field that the maimed and wounded soldiers owed their care. The soldiers detained in areas of occupation and demobilization centers will always feel a warm gratitude for those who helped them carry on in peace when the stimulus of war was lacking.

Francis Perkins, Kappa '15, served as a reconstruction worker in the devastated areas of France. Ruth Cooper, Omicron '20, was engaged in post-war social service work at the government public health hospital at Camp Kearney. Hilda Howard, Omicron '15, was sent as a relief worker in Riga, Latvia. Ivah Everett Deering, Nu '13, had charge of the organized community centers in Seattle for stenographers and employees in government work.

Ranking with these phases of service was that work, not so spectacular perhaps but none the less inspiring, of American housewives and mothers. Those Alpha Xi Deltas, who as home makers practiced the strictest economy and recommended war-time measures with an ardor and efficiency, deserve our unlimited admiration. By careful and intelligent planning busy housewives not only added to their country's reserves by economy but also found time to give help in outside war work. While in most instances this spare time was very small it was the summation of these little individual efforts which gave American Women a record of National service without parallel.

While alumnae turned from their work to various branches of the service, the undergraduates found time to engage in war activities in addition to their college work. These girls not only gave all their spare time to Red Cross work and solicitation for various drives but contributed considerable amounts to the funds solicited by organizations engaged in war work. Chapters volunteered for definite work and completed that work under their regular chapter officers. Some of the chapters adopted war orphans and gave aid to stricken persons in devastated areas. Others aided in food conservation and production or volunteered their services for draft board work.

Perhaps the most singular service of the chapters was that of solicitation and investment in organization drives and government bonds. The amounts subscribed by chapters including Liberty Loans and War Savings Stamps were: Alpha, \$480.00; Gamma, \$105.00; Delta, \$25.00; Epsilon, \$150.00; Zeta, \$137.75; Eta, \$167.50; Theta, \$381.50; Iota, \$50.00; Lambda, \$10.00; Mu, \$605.00; Nu, \$540.00; Omicron, \$625.00; Pi, \$110.00; Rho, \$200.00; Sigma, \$100.00; Tau, \$50.00; Chi, \$100.00; Psi, \$325.00; Omega, \$50.00; and Alpha Gamma, \$125.00. Some of the unrepresented chapters in this list and those whose amounts are low contributed as individuals or

through class drives for the Liberty Loans and Relief Funds. During drives for the loans and Relief Work we find that certain chapters have enviable records of amounts solicited and pledged. These chapters were: Delta, \$289.00; Epsilon, \$3,250.00; Zeta, \$847.40; Eta, \$3,425.00; Theta, \$2,512.50; Iota, \$1,100.00; Lambda, \$940.00; Omicron, \$1,147.00; Pi, \$761.50; Rho, \$675.00; Sigma, \$1,685.00; Tau, \$956.00; Phi, \$112.25; Chi, \$1,101.75; Psi, \$1,200.00; Omega, \$1,160.00.

Every chapter of Alpha Xi Delta met the call of the Red Cross by spending much time in active service. Eleven of the chapters: Alpha, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Iota, Mu, Nu, Pi, Sigma and Psi were enrolled one hundred per cent in the Red Cross membership drive in addition to the regular work.

A survey of the Red Cross work accomplished by chapters reveals a variety of splendid service. In Alpha Chapter, Helen Holmes served as president of the Red Cross Auxiliary and Bernice Ream, '18, acted as publicity reporter. Gamma Chapter had four girls who received a government first aid certificate: Bertha Hale, '21, Myrtelle Baxter, '22, Dena Harshman, '20, and Norma Wintzer, '18. Martha Harrold, '19, Norma Wintzer, '18, Ruth Geiger, '11, Leah Roderick, '19, Gladys Rymer, '19, Margaret Boyd, '20, Lucille Woods, '21, Mildred Cameron, '20, and Nina Weltner Morris, '21, (all of Gamma Chapter) received certificates as instructors in Surgical Dressings. Eight Gamma girls assisted the Red Cross in canteen service and Margaret Boyd, '20, and Ruth Geiger, '11, aided in the membership campaign. Rhea Hendee, Rho '19, Helen Humpe Gayer, Rho '18, and Jeanne Rankin, Rho, took special Red Cross courses. Ethel Roe, Sigma '19, had charge of the Junior Red Cross consisting of students in the university high school. Lambda Chapter held an enviable record for work in knitting. During the school year of 1918 there had been made thirty-seven pairs of socks, thirty-six sweaters, two pairs of wristlets, ten helmets, two sleeping caps and four

mufflers. Doris Wilde, Lambda '20, and Gertrude Starks, Lambda '20, spent their vacation earning money for the Red Cross. Alice Yelland, Omicron '20, served as an assistant in the Red Cross. Upsilon Chapter not only worked at the college unit of the Red Cross but in addition spent time in the city units' rooms. Fifteen of the Upsilon Chapter girls took part in Red Cross Benefit entertainment and three served as chairman of important committees. Psi Chapter had one member who did inspection work for the Red Cross. The Chapters: Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Pi, Sigma, Upsilon and Psi devoted one evening a week to Red Cross work. Those chapters listing girls who took first aid courses are Delta, two; Zeta, three; Eta, nine; Theta, eleven; Mu, twelve; Lambda, four; Pi, six; and Psi, two.

Not unlike the alumnæ work which followed the food conservation and production program outlined by the government were the methods adopted by the undergraduates. College communities found ample opportunity to practice war-time economy measures. Chapter-houses carefully planned their menus—all reporting close adherence to the conservation program. It was only natural that social events were eliminated and interests directed to harmonize with the seriousness of war.

The details of the conservation work by the undergraduates are: Hilda Hooper, Epsilon '18, and Dorothy Mackey, Epsilon '20, lectured on conservation at Farmers' Institutes. Ruth Kuhns, Theta '18, and Ruth Smith, Theta '19, had war gardens. Bertha Newcomb, Lambda, spent the summer in Canada and did farm work there. Each Chi girl canned six quarts of fruit and took them back to school with her in the interest of economy for the chapter-house. Mary Hathway, Mu '21, and Marjory Leonard, Alpha Beta, '20, took a course in food conservation. Five Upsilon girls, Edith Halstead, '19, Iona Irish, '19, Elsie Garvin, '20, Alice Rider, '20, and Mildred Hooker, '21, enlisted in a unit of the Women's Land

Army of America stationed at Brattleboro, Vermont. Mildred McCord, Eta, and Dorothy Bryan, Eta '19, took special work in food conservation. Chapters enrolling members in food conservation classes and work were: Alpha, five; Delta, five; Epsilon, four; Theta, three, Lambda, one; Mu, two; Nu, six; Omicron, five; Rho, one; Tau, ten; Chi, three.

The services of the undergraduates extended to every call made upon American women so that we find work of positive value in phases too varied to be classified under the general groupings. Martha Harrold, Gamma '19, served as chairman of the College Committee of war work. Delta Chapter lists a member who took government extension work during the summer. Helen Smith, Theta, '19, served as chairman of the Social Service Committee. Marion Hill, Lambda '19, and Grace Kellock, Lambda '21, worked during draft registration on exemption work. Grace Sherburne, Lambda '19, served as office deputy in the office of the U. S. Marshal registering German alien enemies. In Mu Chapter, Marion Greenman, '19, Marion Read, '21, Marjory Leonard, '20, Marian Reed Valleau, ex-'18, and Marguerite Edwards, '21, did Social Service work. Five Mu girls were members of a Y. W. C. A. Discussion Club: Marian Read, '21, Katherine Thorbes, '22, Marian Greenman, '19, Jean Keller, '22, Lenore Stuart, '22, and Marguerite Edwards, '21. Edith Dampier, Mu '13, aided in Civilian Relief work and Dorothy Ryan, Mu '20, had charge of War Savings Stamps in one section of Minneapolis. In Nu Chapter, Mildred Thornburg, '19, and Dorothy Myers, '18, aided in the Loan Drives by giving four minute speeches. Phi lists two girls who were entertainers in camps, four girls who worked in Loan Drives and two girls who assisted in the registration of college women. Chi reports one member who took wireless work. Psi had three active members who aided in the Columbus War Chest Drive and one girl who served on the Woman's Local Committee of the Liberty Loan. Eileen Kengla,

'18, Gertrude Bradley, '20, Alice Yelland, '20, and Helen Yelland, '22, members of Omicron Chapter, nursed six hour shifts in impromptu hospitals during the influenza epidemic.

The devotion to service of Alpha Xi Delta found expression in the adoption of children who had become orphans of the war. The motive which led the chapters and individuals to adopt orphans is closely allied to fraternalism; certainly it is full worthy of the spirit of Alpha Xi Delta. The aid extended is a unification of the sympathy of woman for helpless suffering and a deep love for fellow humanity. Fourteen war orphans were adopted by various units of the fraternity. Taking them singly: The Madison, Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis alumnæ chapters each adopted a war orphan early in 1918 while the San Francisco alumnæ supported a French orphan during the war and continued the support until the spring of 1922. Of the undergraduate chapters, Theta adopted three, Mu, Xi, Psi, Eta and Lambda supported one orphan during the war, Omicron paid the expenses of a Belgian baby for three years and Alpha Delta continues the support of a French orphan adopted during the war. Individuals who supported war orphans were: M. Olive Johnson, Omicron '10, Adrienne Williams, Omicron '20, and Ruth Smith, Theta '19. The French class instructed by Miss Johnson also adopted a little French orphan.

The lessons of the present have the most value when regarded for their effect upon the future. Let us turn then and review the experiences of Alpha Xi Delta in the heroic sacrifices in a time of humanity's need. We cannot feel that the long hours of wearisome efforts of those, who stood ready to give all, have been in vain. Rather must we feel that the examples of those who served have symbolized all that we hold dear in the sacred bonds of Alpha Xi Delta. In these efforts of service have come a re-casting of our vision for the future.

The years of peace have brought growth to Alpha Xi

Delta, not unparalleled, but steady, secure and well-administered, well within the confines of our power to give to each unit the full tenor of the meaning of our bond. But the years of even development have a tendency to follow the dictates of the present for there is too often that sense of security, a feeling of well-being. There is a need for revolutions with a re-casting of policies and reactionism, and in it all, new visions are formed and we stand not alone upon the present, but with a vision that faces squarely into the future. Advance is made only with constant changing to greater stimulations.

The spirit of the fraternity does not change in the common place trials of peace. We can feel that the very spirit of the greater Alpha Xi Delta is shown in the manner in which those individuals rose and offered their service, offered all they had to give, not for hope of gain or reward, but rather rising above all interests in self by giving themselves to service and sacrifice.

It is a tremendous responsibility left us as those who are to carry on the ideal of our fraternity. It is a future for which we are unprepared, that rises ever before us. For us, this work must not have been spent in vain, rather must we let that service record reflect the Alpha Xi Delta of the past and with the focus of the rays, cast ourselves in the spirit of a wider vision of the future. Our fraternity should have a deeper meaning for all time. Not one of us can read of the services in the World War without realizing a sense of unworthiness. And yet only through that realization will we be able to do those things which ought to be done to make Alpha Xi Delta all that it might be.

The fraternity has proven itself full worthy of existence in a supreme moment and will continue in an ever-changing social life to merit its worth. Carrying on in peace will be more difficult perhaps than in moments of stress but the reward will be greater. Let us feel that the dictates of a heritage rich in experience will guide

us in the demands of the future so that Alpha Xi Delta will ever meet the fondest wish of the most idealistic of us. We would propose a silent toast to Alpha Xi Delta's achievement in war, an achievement that rests on the experiences of the past, and with a full security augurs well for all futurity. May the record inspire and conjure those Alpha Xi Deltas of the future to ever prove worthy.

CHAPTER XIX

NATIONAL CUSTOMS

ALTHOUGH the chapters of Alpha Xi Delta are distant one from another, the hearts of the members are brought close to each other through mutual allegiance to the same ideals. It is only natural that during the years of the fraternity's life customs have arisen which are observed by all chapters alike. The seal of convention approval has been placed upon some of these. Others, never thus recognized, are observed because they have won their way into the hearts of the girls.

The fraternity colors are worn traditionally beneath badge or pledge pin by every member and pledged member of a chapter in honor of new pledges. After initiation the colors are again donned as symbolic of the joy of the chapter over its new members.

Early in the local life of Alpha Chapter black ribbons were worn beneath the quill for ten days in mourning over the death of one of their number. This custom was adopted by the national organization, but with the growth of the fraternity it slowly ceased to be observed. The present usage was fixed by the Sixth Convention, 1911, which provided that the badge of mourning be worn for three days and be restricted to the chapter within whose membership the death has occurred. At the same time the Grand Chapter expressed its approval of the burial of the badge with the girl to whom it had belonged. Worn over the heart in death as in life, it symbolizes those eternal truths, adherence to which through the living years shall have done much toward the preparation for after-death. Exception to the burial of the badge was made when a wish had been expressed that it might be

given to some other member of Alpha Xi Delta. The Eleventh Convention, 1922, again declared that burial of the badge was not absolutely required. At the last chapter meeting of the college year every collegiate chapter reads the Memorial Service, recalling again those members who can no longer return in person. This service was adopted by the Seventh Convention, 1913, and its use at this stated time made obligatory.

No jewelry bearing the fraternity letters or emblems is ever given to one not a member. The same sentiment which enacted this ruling expressed itself again when ownership of the official banner was similarly limited. The prohibitions were interpreted as including pledges. In 1920 the custom, which exists in a few colleges, of chaining together the quill and a man's fraternity badge as the sign of betrothal was forbidden. This ruling was sustained two years later by the Eleventh Convention. Our symbols are sacred to us, and that sanctity is best preserved by their careful and restricted use.

At the time of the Fourth Convention, 1907, some of the delegates brought with them college papers, clever dance programs and original favors as better showing the life of their chapters than unaided speech could do. So interesting to every one were these impromptu displays that the chapters were asked to prepare an exhibit for each convention which should aid the others in understanding the life and accomplishments of both chapter and the college in which it exists. So developed one of the most interesting and valuable features of our conventions. The interchange of ideas is rapid when aided by the enticing pages of a stunt book and visualization is easy and correct when kodak pictures assist the spoken word and printed page.

It was the most earnest wish of our founders that the quill should never prove a bar to friendships with those who do not wear it. One of their fixed purposes in organizing Alpha Xi Delta was the hope that through combined strength they would be able to make college pleasanter

for every one. This tradition of friendliness toward all others, Greek and non-Greek alike, is most highly valued as part of the rich inheritance they left to the fraternity they founded. In 1907, the Fourth Convention, actuated by the same ideals, provided that each chapter shall hold open house once in a semester to all who care to partake of their hospitality.

From making things pleasanter for those about us in our college life, it is but a short step to the desire to aid in making our part of the world a pleasanter place in which to be. The Seventh Convention, 1913, adopted a resolution which provided that each chapter become actively interested in some social service or philanthropic work. The nature of the work was left entirely to the choice of the individual chapters and their decisions showed a wide variety.

The sending of baskets of food to poor families at Christmas time was selected by a number of chapters. The desire grew for a more personal contact than that afforded in an interview with a worker from some charity organization who had been invited to suggest names and cases. From being given occasionally by some chapter, a Christmas party for unfortunate youngsters has grown in favor with the girls until it is practically a national custom. A number of children, an afternoon of merry games and unstinted sweets, a towering tree with gifts and candle laden branches prepare for the last gay hour when eager hands reach out for gifts and thrust them into shabby pockets where they may be touched from minute to minute all the way home.

All chapters observe Founders' Day by reading the service written especially for that occasion. This service was officially adopted by the Seventh Convention, 1913, at which time it was first celebrated.

The announcement of an engagement brings with it a thrill of romance. Especially is this true if the love pledge has only been suspected. Nu Chapter originated an interesting custom which spread from chapter to chap-

ter as the girls learned of it. On Founders' Day at the close of the banquet, just before the toasts begin, every engaged girl present must rise from her chair and run quickly once around the table. Eager speculation heralds this part of the program and she who sits guiltily when she should be running is held false to her love.

CHAPTER XX

THE GIFTS OF ALPHA XI DELTA

Note: The material for this chapter was derived from a survey made of both the college and alumnae chapters of Alpha Xi Delta in which each member was asked to furnish an unsigned statement of the fraternity's best gift to her.

FROM the moment of her birth until she goes away to college her home has furnished a fixed and definite background to the individual girl. For the most part she has been accepted unquestioningly as among the things that naturally are. Yet because of her home background, of her family standing, its prestige and its traditions, she has occupied a recognized niche in the neighborhood community life. From this sheltering and protecting environment her personality has gradually projected itself throughout her early years. She has always been certain of that tremendous aid to personal development and expansion and self-esteem, the interest of one's associates in one's own interests.

With matriculation in college this surety of place is utterly destroyed. She has been accustomed to the well ordered routine of a sheltered homelife and established and friendly contacts with others which have endured already for years. Now she plunges into the unknown. Strangers replace friends. Unknown standards and traditions instead of familiar precedents surround her. Her individuality is submerged in the mass and no longer feels itself a recognized, distinctive entity.

It is the forming of new contacts and new friendships, the learning of and the adaption of oneself to the established customs of the institution which is the readjustment attendant upon college entrance. With the orientation of the new life, the individual personality builds itself a new background and a new perspective. When this rebuilding has been successfully accomplished the

consideration of environment ceases to occupy her mind and once more it is among the taken-for-granted-things of life. Until then the individual personality can neither be truly at ease nor free to concentrate upon new subjects of thought and education, introduced by new and unfamiliar methods of instruction.

Such self-accommodation is not readily accomplished in a few weeks by even those most adjustable. The degree of completeness with which this readjustment is made largely determines the success of the individual in her college life. At this difficult time, Alpha Xi Delta offers its first great gift to its members. Sympathetic friends lessen the burden of homesickness. Helpful suggestions teach the strange ways of the new life. Careful direction to unfamiliar destinations spare missed classes. The merger and consolidation of the individual into the composite life of the college is far easier of accomplishment with the aid of fraternal sisters. Fraternalism offers an established background to the transitory personality. The bewildered feeling of belonging nowhere is replaced by the happy knowledge of belonging to a definite organization in which the personal relationship is the most important and most helpful.

Friendships as formed within the circle of Alpha Xi Delta approach most nearly to those of the home circle. The attitude of the older girls is that of older sisters to younger ones. Joys are shared as readily as sorrows. The common interests are bound so closely together that divergent viewpoints are merged into sympathetic understanding. Companionship in the serious endeavors of college life and happy sharing of its fun form the foundation upon which is built day by day lasting friendships for all the years to come.

With membership in Alpha Xi Delta there becomes inculcated into the life of each wearer of its pledge pin the fraternal conception of what is due it from its members. Our founders held high scholarship as an element

most important in college life. In founding Alpha Xi Delta they sought to combine in it all of value in the older organizations and to exclude recognized weaknesses. They were determined that its members should never lose sight of the basic reason for the years of college attendance. They stressed so strongly the requirement for thorough scholarship that it has become interwoven in the very fabric of the fraternity's life. Its urge to scholarship is felt by all who take its vows. Many a girl who would have been content as a mediocre student, had she considered herself alone, has yielded to the ideal of the fraternity and accomplished far more in her studies than a mere passing mark. The idealism of Alpha Xi Delta holds ever before its members the need for doing well each daily task in life, and the faithful performance of every duty. It has incorporated studious habits in many a girl who otherwise would have been a laggard at books while in college and mentally inefficient in after life. Thus Alpha Xi Delta approaches its ideals of an educated American womanhood.

In the average unorganized group of friends there is a marked tendency for all members of the group to approximate one specific type of individual, with the same tastes, the same interests and with practically identical outlooks upon life. In contrast, each chapter of Alpha Xi Delta includes girls of many divergent and even antagonistic types. Partially this is due to the fact that a chapter includes a larger number of girls than would an informal group of friends. It is also effected by the deliberate and praiseworthy effort to include within its membership girls who are interested in every phase of college life and activity. The close association with so many divergent viewpoints and spheres of activity, necessitated by chapter life, is one of the most priceless gifts of the fraternity.

Left to ourselves we seek our replicas and never learn or appreciate the viewpoint of others. Daily association brings with it intimate knowledge of how the other person

thinks and feels. Sympathetic knowledge of another's way of looking at things is an approach to a world wide sympathy. The art of seeing good in everyone is the remembrance of the commandment of that great Teacher who said, "Judge not lest ye be judged." The art of getting along with people must be based upon understanding and a willingness to see through another's eyes. This is the supreme preparation for life, the best happiness insurance which one can have. It is the gift of Alpha Xi Delta to its members.

The success of our civilization and the stability of our government is highly dependent upon the discharge by each individual of his or her responsibility to humanity. This sense of duty toward the larger issues of life can only be developed and perfected by gradual growth through the assumption of responsibility in lesser and more immediate activities. Alpha Xi Delta insists that each of its college members actively participate in at least two essential and worthy undergraduate organizations. Thus are its members guarded from thoughtlessly becoming lost in the fascination of books or the whirl of social life. Thus are they aided in maintaining a proportionate and perfect balance among the opposing interests of their college lives and learn the invaluable lesson of performing promptly and efficiently the duties which are dependent upon them for fulfillment. Thus does Alpha Xi Delta lend its influence to aid in maintaining and developing the life of the universities where its chapters are located.

Life in the college chapter is a preparatory period for the larger life in the world chapter which awaits after college years. The appreciative consideration for others, the sacrifice of one's desires for the good of another, the sharing of joys and sorrows which are not one's own, the charitable giving of self when friendship is given, all perfect and complete the building of character.

As membership in Alpha Xi Delta does not terminate with college days, so its influence continues throughout

the years. Its first gift to the freshman was that of friends among strangers. Again and again it repeats that gift to its alumnæ. Where there are two wearers of the quill, there are two friends. A stranger who comes to an alumnæ chapter, unknown and unacquainted with its members, finds a circle of friends, at once assumes her rightful place among them, held close to them by fraternal ties. Old friends among strangers—that is the lasting gift of Alpha Xi Delta.

CHAPTER XXI

NATIONAL OFFICERS

April 17, 1902—May 9, 1903.

Grand President Cora Bollinger-Block, Alpha.
Grand Vice-president Alice Bartlett-Bruner, Alpha.
Grand Secretary Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha.
Grand Treasurer Edith Miller-Fletcher, Alpha.
Grand Historian Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha.
Grand Marshal Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Alpha.
Grand Chaplain Jennie Marriott-Buchanan, Alpha.

May 9, 1903—May 14, 1904.

Grand President Edna Epperson-Brinkman, Alpha.
Grand Vice-president ... Mary Salmon-Bolton, Gamma.
Grand Secretary Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta.
Grand Treasurer ... Maude Andrew-Van Camp, Alpha.
Grand Historian Mabel Hartzell, Gamma.
Grand Marshal Louise Singer-Maiken, Beta.
Grand Chaplain Mary Emily Kay, Gamma.
Editor-in-Chief Anna Gillis-Kimble, Alpha.
Associate Editor Mary Emily Kay, Gamma.
Business Manager Axie Lute-Mitchell, Beta.

May 14, 1904—June 23, 1905.

Grand President Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha.
Grand Vice-president ... Margaret Curtis-Pierce, Delta.
Grand Secretary Mary Emily Kay, Gamma.
Grand Treasurer Mary Power-Holliday, Beta.
Grand Historian Mabel Bracher-Cunningham, Zeta.
Grand Editor Mary Salmon-Bolton, Gamma.
Associate Editor Mildred Tucker, Gamma.
Business Manager Mabel Hartzell, Gamma.

June 23, 1905—October 31, 1907.

Grand President Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha.
 Grand Vice-president .. Lorena Grange-Sweet, Epsilon.
 Grand Secretary Mary Emily Kay, Gamma.
 Grand Treasurer Mary Power-Holliday, Beta.
 Grand Historian Lorena Grange-Sweet, Epsilon.
 Grand Editor Bertha Cleveland-Patterson, Eta.
 Associate Editor Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Eta.
 Business Manager Dora Lockwood, Eta.
 Assistant Business Manager.....Martha Hutchings-
 McKean, Eta.

October 31, 1907—October 30, 1909.

Grand President Ella Boston-Leib, Alpha.
 Grand Vice-president..Bertha Cleveland-Patterson, Eta.
 Grand Secretary Mary Emily Kay, Gamma.
 Grand Treasurer Ellen Ball, Beta.
 Grand Historian Clara Salmer-Cason, Epsilon.
 Grand Editor Martha Hutchings-McKean, Eta.
 Associate Editor Gertrude Wright-Gilmour, Eta.
 Business Manager Dora Lockwood, Eta.
 Assistant Business Manager.....Edith Lawrence, Eta.

October 30, 1909—October 29, 1911.

Grand President Mary Emily Kay, Gamma.
 Grand Vice-president Gussanda Countway, Lambda.
 Grand Secretary Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta.
 Grand Treasurer Ellen Ball, Beta.
 Grand Editor Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda.
 Associate Editor Mary Meek Atkeson, Iota.
 Business Manager Katherine Keith-Stamp, Gamma.

October 29, 1911—November 1, 1913.

Grand President Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta.
 Grand Vice-president Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta.
 Grand Secretary Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda.

Grand Treasurer Ellen Ball, Beta.
 Grand Editor Polly Fenton, Theta.
 Associate Editor Mary Meek Atkeson, Iota.
 Alumnæ Editor Martha Fargo, Kappa.
 Business Manager Mary Rayne, Theta.
 Extension Secretary Gussanda Countway, Lambda.

November 1, 1913—July 23, 1915.

Grand President Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta.
 Grand Vice-president Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda.
 Grand Secretary Rosalie Retz-Bell, Kappa.
 Grand Treasurer Ellen Ball, Beta.
 Grand Inspector Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta.
 Grand Editor Polly Fenton, Theta.
 Associate Editor Edith Bradford, Lambda.
 Alumnæ Editor Martha Fargo, Kappa.
 Business Manager Mary Rayne, Theta.
 Extension Secretary.. Alice Cummings-Heustis, Lambda.

July 23, 1915—July 3, 1918.

Grand President Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta.
 Grand Vice-president Ruth Sibley-Haskell, Lambda.
 Grand Secretary Bess Williamson, Alpha.
 Grand Treasurer Ellen Ball, Beta.
 Grand Inspector Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta.
 Grand Editor Polly Fenton, Theta.
 Associate Editor Edith Bradford, Lambda.
 Alumnæ Editor Martha Fargo, Kappa.
 Business Manager Mary Rayne, Theta.
 Extension Secretary Bertha Shepard, Lambda.

July 3, 1918—June 30, 1920

National President Polly Fenton, Theta.
 National Vice-president Bess Williamson, Alpha.
 National Executive Secretary.. Anna Miller Knote, Zeta.
 National Treasurer Ellen Ball, Beta.
 National Inspector. Audrey Duffey-Blagbrough, Lambda.

Associate Editor Hazel Macy-MacNamee, Lambda.
 Alumnæ Editor Grace Spencer-Phillips, Kappa.
 Business Manager Hazel Mercer, Delta.
 Extension Secretary Lucile Thornton-Newman, Eta.

June 30, 1920—July 1, 1922.

National President Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta.
 National Vice-president M. Olive Johnson, Omicron.
 National Executive Secretary. Ethel Baldwin-Bruce, Eta.
 National Treasurer Lulu Runge, Theta.
 National Inspector Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu.
 Associate Editor Ethel Hoskins-Armstrong, Mu.
 Alumnæ Editor Irene Raine-Mix, Mu.
 Business Manager Hazel Mercer, Delta.
 Extension Secretary Ethel Winterfield, Sigma.

Province Presidents

I Lucile Thornton-Newman, Eta.
 II Helen Willis-Lynn, Pi.
 III Leda Jones-Atkins, Xi.
 IV Myrtle Coker-Combe, Kappa.
 V Madeline Woodworth-Gladish, Nu.
 VI Kathleen Murchison, Nu.

July 1, 1922— ——— 1924.

National President M. Olive Johnson, Omicron.
 National Vice-president Myrtle Jones-Stevens, Mu.
 National Executive Secretary.. Anna Miller-Knote, Zeta.
 National Treasurer Lulu Runge, Theta.
 National Visitor Myrtle Coker-Combe, Kappa.
 Associate Editor Hazel Mercer, Delta.
 Alumnæ Editor Helen Willis-Lynn, Pi.
 Business Manager Calla Andrus, Theta.
 Extension Secretary Clara Hankey-Koenig, Mu.

PROVINCE I

President Lucille Thornton-Newman, Eta.
 Vice-president Winnafred Corwin-Robinson, Theta.

PROVINCE II

President Wilhelmina Slaymaker-Kinsey, Psi.
Vice-president Theda Shaw-Holen, Alpha Epsilon.

PROVINCE III

President Lida Jones-Atkins, Xi.
Vice-president.... Ethlyn Mitchell-Arnold, Alpha Alpha.

PROVINCE IV

President Iva Baker Chase, Sigma.
Vice-president Frances Crane, Beta.

PROVINCE V

President Madeline Woodworth-Gladish, Nu.
Vice-president Dixie Young, Alpha Zeta.

PROVINCE VI

President Kathleen Murchison, Nu.
Vice-president Helen Wurdeman, Theta.

ANNA GILLIS-KIMBLE

Anna Gillis spent her happy childhood on a farm which was four miles from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She was an only daughter, having three brothers and numerous boy cousins with whom to play.

Her elementary schooling was received in a proverbial "little red school house." Some of her pre-college work was done in the preparatory department of Iowa Wesleyan College. This meant driving to and from the college each day. When the mud of roads then unimproved was too deep to permit driving, it meant a dreary horse back ride, hard alike on horse and girl.

In 1898 Miss Gillis entered Lombard College, completing her last year of preparatory work there. While in Lombard she won distinction in the work of the biological and English departments. During her senior

year, 1902-03, she edited *The Lombard Review*. She was also an assistant instructor in English that year and the year immediately following.

Anna Gillis-Kimble served as chairman of the committee which drafted the national constitution adopted by Alpha Chapter on April 17, 1902. The first Convention elected her editor-in-chief of the fraternity journal, which then existed only in a convention ruling. Under her direction the first volume was published, and the gigantic task of establishing a new magazine splendidly accomplished.



ANNA GILLIS-KIMBLE, *Alpha*

Within a few days of her graduation from Lombard College, Anna Gillis married Dr. Thaddeus C. Kimble, then a professor in the biological department of Lombard.

In 1923 Mrs. Kimble wrote:

We have two daughters; Katherine, eighteen, fair and petite, just out of high school; Margie, tall and dark haired, a junior in high school.

For the past thirteen years our home has been in sunny Kansas. We love it and expect to stay for there are no bluer skies nor finer people. Health, home, usefulness and a moderate prosperity are here for us. Cyclones have never troubled us and here may we abide.

EDNA EPPERSON-BRINKMAN

The girlhood years of Edna Epperson-Brinkman were spent in Galesburg, Illinois. She entered Lombard College in the fall of 1894 and was initiated into Alpha Xi Delta early in 1895. While in college she worked earnestly for the advancement of the fraternity and served a term as its president.

Mrs. Brinkman was not able to pursue an unbroken college course. She was graduated from Lombard in

1902 and so was a member of the college chapter at the time of the national movement. She was elected as Alpha Xi Delta's first Grand Marshal in 1902 and as Grand President by the First Convention, 1903.

The influence of Edna Epperson-Brinkman was an important one in the transition from local to national



EDNA EPPERSON BRINKMAN, *Alpha* .

life. Among her contributions to the fraternity's growth was assistance in the installation of Beta, Gamma, Epsilon and Zeta Chapters.

Mrs. Brinkman resides at Hinsdale, Illinois, one of the beautiful suburbs of Chicago, and is a member of the Chicago Alumnæ Chapter.

ELLA BOSTON-LEIB

The debt of Alpha Xi Delta to Ella Boston-Leib will forever remain a great one. Three times president of Alpha Chapter, she was among its members at the time of the national movement.

In 1902 Ella Boston-Leib was elected Alpha Xi Delta's first Grand Secretary. In 1904 she became its third



ELLA BOSTON-LEIB, *Alpha*

Grand President, an office in which she continued for five years. During that period the fraternity grew from one of five chapters to one of fifteen.

Mrs. Leib looked far ahead in her plans for Alpha Xi Delta. Her presidential address to the Fifth Convention, 1909, foreshadows all that the fraternity has since accomplished in constructive measures.

At the time of her withdrawal from active leadership an "Appreciation," written by Lillian Estary-Askarn, Nu, was published in the journal for February, 1910. In part it read:

Hers has been a unique place in Alpha Xi Delta—one of the earliest members of Mother Alpha Chapter, President of Alpha Chapter, Grand Secretary and for five years Grand President, now a member of the governing body—her active service for Alpha Xi Delta is nearing two decades. Much of the history of Alpha Xi Delta must center around Ella Boston-Leib.

She has seen the entire transition from a local to a national body. Always her voice has been ready to counsel and advise. When in 1904 she took the grand presidency, she had weighty problems to solve. Alpha Xi Delta's fullest usefulness could not be obtained by five chapters and expansion there must be, but expansion of a kind that should mean more than mere members and should bring glory to Alpha Xi. Hers was the hand that guided Alpha's growth from five to its present fifteen chapters. Others might bring forth resolutions and motions, but hers the hand to put them into action.

Hers was the eye to scan each new chapter and start it on its forward path. Hers was the hand to install many chapters and give their members the first sisterly hand clasp, showing them Alpha's ideal sister. Hers was the task of taking time and strength from an already busy life to give to us in a labor of love.

ELLEN BALL



ELLEN BALL, *Beta*

The installation of Beta Chapter took place on June 9, 1902, at the home of Ellen Ball.

On that day the hostess, with her fraternity sisters, became an Alpha Xi Delta. In 1907 the Fourth Convention elected Ellen Ball as its national treasurer. So efficiently did she perform this important part of the fraternity's work that for thirteen years she continued in the office. It was then that the fraternity reluctantly assented to her refusal to again accept it.

In addition to her multiple duties for Alpha Xi Delta Miss Ball has been an active member of P. E. O., sharing the responsibility of its national work for many years.

Miss Ball now lives in Seattle, Washington, and is a member of the Seattle Alumnæ Chapter.

MARY EMILY KAY

Mary Emily Kay is largely a product of Alliance, Ohio, having been born, reared and partly educated there. Her entire experience as a high school teacher has been in the public schools of that city. She attended Mt. Union College as a preparatory and undergraduate student but later transferred to the University of Washington where she received her A.B. degree in 1908. Her happiest recollections of Seattle are connected with Nu Chapter whose members received her with true Alpha Xi Delta cordiality. Since 1908 she has done some graduate work at the universities of Washington, Wisconsin and Columbia.

Her life, usually uneventful, has been punctuated with an occasional trip to Europe, the crowning one taking place in 1921 when the representatives of ten Alpha Xi Delta chapters "sailed the seas over" with her.

Mary Emily Kay's national work for the fraternity began with its first convention, May 9, 1903. She served it for four years as Grand Secretary and in 1909 was elected Grand President. During her term of office Pi Chapter was installed. As chairman of the sinking fund section of the Gamma House Committee she continues to keep in touch with the fraternity, whose growth and progress in the years since she left college are ever a great source of pride to her.

RUTH SIBLEY-HASKELL

Ruth Sibley-Haskell was initiated into Alpha Xi Delta during the installation of Lambda Chapter on March 8, 1907. She had received her A.B. degree from Tufts Col-



MARY EMILY KAY, *Gamma*

lege in 1906 and took a one-year graduate course in library science in 1906-7. Later she was actively engaged in library work in the Wellesley Art Department and in the Cambridge Public Library.

Mrs. Haskell gave nine years of splendid service to Alpha Xi Delta, holding in succession the offices of Grand Editor, Grand Secretary and Grand Vice-president. Her clear insight into vexing problems and her unusual constructive ability were invaluable to the fraternity.

Alpha Xi Delta is indebted to her husband, Mr. Harold E. Haskell, an eminent attorney. Mr. Haskell was helpful whenever he could be of service in legal problems.

Ruth Sibley-Haskell devoted time and strength eagerly to the things which interested her. The innate love of people which made her so loved in turn as a fraternity officer, also made her an earnest worker in the cause of woman suffrage and an untiring Red Cross worker during the World War. Mrs. Haskell is now a member of the Boston Alumnæ Chapter.



RUTH SIBLEY-HASKELL,
Lambda

LENA GRANDIN BALDWIN

Lena Grandin Baldwin, Eta, was graduated from Syracuse University in 1906, *cum laude*. While a member of the college chapter she served as its president. Her national work began in 1909 when she was elected Grand Secretary by the Fifth Convention. She served as Grand President for seven years, 1911-18. For two years during that period, 1915-17, she was also chairman of the National Panhellenic Congress, presiding at its



LENA GRANDIN BALDWIN, *Eta*

fifteenth congress which met in Chicago, October 24-27, 1917.

During Miss Baldwin's presidency ten chapters were installed: Sigma, Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, Psi, Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta and Alpha Gamma.

Miss Baldwin's club memberships include: American Association of University Women; Syracuse University Alumni Association; Daughters of the American Revolution; National Arts Club, New York City; Thursday Morning Musicals; Elmira Country Club.

POLLY FENTON

On the first anniversary of its installation, Theta Chapter initiated Polly Fenton and Mary Rayne, thereby giving two national officers to Alpha Xi Delta.

Polly Fenton had been born and reared in Wisconsin, not far from Madison. In 1906 she was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with the degree A.B. Three years later she was also graduated from the Wisconsin Library School. Her professional work has been done in connection with the Cincinnati Public Library, the Milwaukee Public Library and the California State Library at Sacramento, California. Miss Fenton taught in the Chautauqua Summer School for librarians at Chautauqua, N. Y., in 1919-20 and 1920-21. She is now, 1923, an instructor in the library school of the New York Public Library.

For seven years, 1911-18, Miss Fenton served as editor of *The Alpha Xi Delta* and for two years, 1918-20, as president of the fraternity. During her term as president two chapters, Alpha Delta and Alpha Epsilon, were installed.

MARY RAYNE

Mary Rayne was initiated into Alpha Xi Delta by Theta Chapter in January, 1906. She was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with an A.B. degree in



POLLY FENTON, *Theta*

1909. For seven years, 1911-18, she served as business manager of *The Alpha Xi Delta*, and succeeded in making the journal more nearly self-supporting than it had been until that time. At present, 1923, Miss Rayne is the national librarian for Alpha Xi Delta.

For some years after Theta Chapter built its home in 1910, Miss Rayne was president of its building association and gave much time to the duties of that office.

Since her mother's death in 1914 she has been the homemaker for her father, sister and brother. Each summer the family spends the hot months in a cool and charming cottage on Lake Monona which holds for them the happy memories of seventeen years.

Traveling has been one of the great sources of pleasure in Mary Rayne's life. The nooks and corners of the United States which are off the beaten trail have interested her and been visited by her.

Since her home is in Madison she keeps in intimate touch with Theta Chapter and is a member of the Madison Alumnæ Chapter.



MARY RAYNE, *Theta*

BESS WILLIAMSON

Bess Williamson was a Galesburg, Illinois, girl. She received her education in its local schools and was graduated from Lombard College in 1909. All during her college life she was a faithful and loyal worker for Alpha Xi Delta, giving freely of time and energy and enthusiasm. It was largely due to her practical optimism and untiring effort that Alpha's dream of a chapter bungalow became a reality.

For three years, 1915-18, she served as Grand Secretary and for two years, 1918-20, as National Vice-president.

Teaching has been Miss Williamson's profession.



BESS WILLIAMSON, *Alpha*

During the last years she has been assistant dean of women at the University of Wisconsin. She was a delegate to the conference of the International Federation of University Women, held in Paris, July 15-18, 1923.

Miss Williamson is interested in all the phases of life which affect women and in the mutual help which women are able to give each other in improving undesirable conditions wherever they may be found.



ANNA MILLER-KNOTE, *Zeta*

ANNA MILLER-KNOTE

Anna Miller-Knote was a charter member of Zeta Chapter and was graduated from Wittenberg College in 1905. Hers has been the task of organizing the work of two important offices for the fraternity. After serving a term as Grand Vice-president she was elected Grand In-



M. OLIVE JOHNSON, *Omicron*

spector in 1913—an office newly established. For five years the visiting of chapters and the presentation of the national viewpoint to the college members was in her hands.

In 1918 the office of executive secretary was created by combining the duties of secretary and editor-in-chief and Mrs. Knote was asked to accept it. In 1920 she was elected National President but in 1922 the fraternity recalled her to her former post as executive secretary. For thirteen years Mrs. Knote has exerted a constructive influence in the development of Alpha Xi Delta.

M. OLIVE JOHNSON

M. Olive Johnson was a charter member of Omicron Chapter. She was graduated from the University of California in 1910. For several years she taught in high schools, but the appeal of the foreigner within our land reached both her heart and her imagination. It was given her to be able to see true worth even in uncouth individuals and to realize its potential American value once its possessor had been brought into harmony with American ideals and customs. Therefore Miss Johnson forsook the teaching profession and entered Americanization work under the direction of the Y. W. C. A.

Her interest in Alpha Xi Delta did not lessen with the passing of her college years. She kept closely in touch both with Omicron Chapter and with the fraternity's national development. In 1920 the Tenth Convention elected her National Vice-president. Due to Mrs. Knote's illness and her resultant absence, Miss Johnson presided over the Eleventh Convention, 1922. She was elected National President at that time.

MYRTLE COKER-COMBE

Myrtle Coker-Combe is an initiate of Kappa Chapter. She was its delegate to the Fourth Convention. There she received an insight into the fraternity's national



MYRTLE COKER-COMBE, *Kappa*

problems which has maintained her interest in their solution throughout the years.

In 1922 the Eleventh Convention elected Mrs. Combe as National visitor.



MYRTLE JONES-STEVENSON, *Mu*

MYRTLE JONES-STEVENSON

Myrtle Jones-Stevens was born and reared in Minneapolis. Quite naturally, when she completed high school, she entered the University of Minnesota. She was graduated in 1907. With the installation of Mu Chapter in that same year, she became a member of Alpha Xi Delta.

Following graduation from college and until her mar-



LULU L. RUNGE, *Theta and Rho*

riage to Mr. C. D. Stevens, Mrs. Stevens taught in the Normal School at Ellendale, N. D. She has one daughter, Helen, who was eleven years old in 1922.

Upon her return to Minneapolis, incident to her marriage, Mrs. Stevens became an active member of Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnae Chapter. At the convention of 1920, she was elected National Visitor. In the two years for which she held that office she visited every chapter of the fraternity. She assisted in the installation of Alpha Theta, Alpha Eta and Alpha Iota Chapters.

In 1922 Mrs. Stevens was elected National Vice-president. With this office had just been merged that of alumnae organizer. Hence the task of reorganizing the rather varying duties of the vice-presidency fell upon Mrs. Stevens.

In addition to her work for Alpha Xi Delta Mrs. Stevens is very active in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

LULU L. RUNGE

Lulu Runge was initiated in Theta Chapter and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1905. For some years Miss Runge has been assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Nebraska. She aided in organizing the local fraternity which became Rho Chapter. From the time when it was able to assume the responsibility of a chapter-house she has lived with its girls.

Miss Runge's greatest service to the fraternity has been the guidance, in a large degree, of its western expansion. She has assisted in installing eight chapters and has given freely of her help to each of them whenever it has been needed.

In 1920 Miss Runge was elected national treasurer and in 1922 was reelected to the same office.

CHAPTER XXII

INTERESTING ALUMNAE

MARY MEEK ATKESON

Iota

MARY MEEK ATKESON was born at the family seat, "Lawnvale," near Buffalo, W. Va. A delightful description of this old house appeared in one of her recent articles. Her grandfather had come west seeking a home site and when he first saw this spot, as the river boat on which he was a passenger rounded a curve, he knew that his search was ended. The house at Lawnvale is the enduring work of his hands for the bricks were baked and the lumber prepared and the building done under his personal direction and with his actual help.

Her father, Dr. Thomas Clark Atkeson, was for many years Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of West Virginia. Later he was the Washington Representative of the National Grange and a national leader in agricultural affairs.

Mary Meek Atkeson was Iota Chapter's first pledge after its installation into Alpha Xi Delta. She says of herself that while in college she was an active member of every thing on the campus. The long and varied list of her college honors gives support to the statement for it includes: editor-in-chief of *The Monogalian*, the college magazine; head of the English Club, and honor society; Chief Story-Teller of *Seo Beowulf Gedryht*, the Anglo Saxon honor society; founder of *The Laurel*, an honor society for girls which has had a great influence upon the university life at West Virginia and the Alpha Xi Delta honor ring.

Mary Meek Atkeson was graduated from the University of West Virginia in 1910 with the degree A.B. In 1913 she received also from it the degree A.M. In 1919 Ohio State University conferred upon her the degree Ph.D.

Miss Atkeson's teaching experience consists of one year as assistant in English at the University of Missouri and three years as instructor in English at West Virginia University.

Original research work is presented in *West Virginia Writers* published in 1913; *A Study of the Local Literature of the Upper Ohio Val-*



MARY MEEK ATKESON, Iota

ley with Especial reference to the early Pioneer and Indian Tales, 1820-1840, published by the Ohio State University in 1921 and *A Study of the Literature of West Virginia, 1822-1922*, published in 1922. Historical literary articles by Miss Atkeson also appeared in the *Semi-Centennial History of West Virginia* and in the *History of West Virginia* by Dr. James Morton Callahan.

Her better known work is that as a writer for the general magazines of articles on country life, plays, stories and poems. In speaking of her country life articles W. F. Bigelow, editor of *Good Housekeeping* wrote: "I do not know of anyone writing about farm problems who shows a more critical and at the same time sympathetic knowledge of them than does Miss Atkeson."

This interest in country life is reflected in the four plays which she has written: *The Cross Roads Meetin' House*, *The Good Old Days*, *The Will and Don't*. After being published separately they appeared in a bound volume, *Country Plays*.

Miss Atkeson is a frequent contributor to current magazines, her name being familiar on the pages of *The Country Gentleman*, *Good Housekeeping*, *The Ladies' Home Journal*, *The Pictorial Review*, *McCall's*, *The English Magazine*, *The Editor*, *The Penwoman*, *The Farmer's Wife* and others.

Her club memberships include: League of American Penwomen, International Literary Association, American Association of University Women.

PHYLLIS BLANCHARD

Tau

Phyllis Blanchard was graduated from New Hampshire College in 1917 and in 1919 received the Ph.D. degree from Clark University. The following years she was research assistant to Dr. G. Stanley Hall, then president of Clark University. She has also acted as psychologist at the New York State Reformatory and as psychologist on the psychopathic service of Bellevue Hospital, New York City. At present, June, 1923, Dr. Blanchard is psychologist on a mental hygiene clinic in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

This clinic was planned to work with the public school children of the county and operates under the Commonwealth Program for the Prevention of Delinquency. In telling of her work, Dr. Blanchard wrote:

If we find the earliest signs of physical or mental abnormalities and correct these in children, we shall prevent much mental disease (insanity) and criminal conduct in adult life.

We travel from school to school, giving each child a preliminary medical and psychological examination, and securing a description of his personality, traits and behavior from his teachers. If he is in any respect maladjusted—if his intelligence appears below average, his physical condition is poor, if he has abnormal personality traits or shows any behavior

difficulties (lying, stealing, truancy, etc.) we do an intensive study, which includes detailed psychiatric and psychological examination, investigation of the home and general social environment, etc. Our purpose is to discover the causes for maladjustment and then we can map out a plan of treatment whereby the child can be benefited. The parents, teachers, school nurses, local physicians, all co-operate with us in carrying out plans.



DR. PHYLLIS BLANCHARD, *Tau* •

Many children need physical treatment; many need more intelligent parental control; others need different pedagogical instruction. My own particular concern is the estimation of the child's general intelligence, and also his special abilities and disabilities, with a view to planning his school curriculum or advising special pedagogical methods and giving vocational advice.

Dr. Blanchard has done much original research work and her first book *Taboo and Genetics* was written in collaboration with M. M. King and Iva Lowther Peters.

The Adolescent Girl, her second book, bore an introduction by Dr. G. Stanley Hall and has already appeared in two American and one English edition.

Late in 1922 *Abnormal Behavior* was published. Its subtitle is *Pitfalls of Our Minds*. It was written in collaboration with Dr. Irving J. Sands, a psychiatrist with whom Dr. Blanchard had worked while in New York City. Before *Abnormal Behavior* was off the presses there was already talk of both English and French editions.

Dr. Blanchard is a member of the American Psychological Association and of the American Sociological Society and has appeared on the program of the annual meetings of both societies.

When asked to tell of her hobbies and favorite sports Dr. Blanchard said:

In the past year I've become an accomplished chauffeur with only one accident to my credit. I am still near enough to New York to have weekend theater parties and dances for recreation. When I can steal an evening from my work, I experiment with—would you ever guess it—short stories. I haven't tried any of them out on the editors yet, but maybe I'll even dare do that some day.

MIRIAM WOOLSON BROOKS

Beta

Miriam Woolson Brooks is descended from colonial settlers and Revolutionary forebears by both father and mother. The pioneering instinct did not disappear from the blood for both grandfathers, the one an attorney and the other a physician, were among Iowa's early settlers. Mrs. Brooks' father, John S. Woolson, was judge of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

Miriam Woolson Brooks studied first at Iowa Wesleyan College being graduated in 1893 with the degree of B.A. She has since gained a Master's Degree in Education from the Iowa State Teachers' College and a

Master's Degree in Political Science from Columbia University.

Mrs. Brooks' teaching work has been in political science. She has done much public speaking in the same line, trying to fill first the requests for lectures where they might be a community benefit. She feels the direction and informing of public opinion ought to be the special province of those engaged in educational work. Special study should have broadened their horizons and the world needs the added breadth.

Mrs. Brooks has published an *American History Outline*, a book which sells well into the thousands year after year. It was compiled for use by those who had received inadequate instruction in American history and for those who wished a rapid review of the subject. In 1923 it was revised and a new edition published.

Love of the commonwealth in which she was born and to whose building her father and grandfathers gave so much of their lives is a passion with Mrs. Brooks.

Of herself Mrs. Brooks writes, "I try to keep in touch with outside organizations that I may not lose the human sensibilities. I always maintain my own apartment which shelters me when I have that terrible sensation that 'the world is too much with us.' I enjoy nothing more than the time I spend in adjusting my tiny vine and fig tree.

"My hobbies—active exercise in the out of doors. I swim, row, skate, ride horse-back, hike, play golf and tennis. All of these I feel are life savers to the nerves of those having nervous occupations. Incidentally they are rescuers of those over whom the person involved has jurisdiction.

"My most prized interest is an only son, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a practicing architect in Des Moines. His life has been a continued joy to me throughout the years."

In 1923 Mrs. Brooks' club activities included: President, Teachers' Federation of Des Moines; Industrial Committee, Y. W. C. A.; Chairman, Open Forum Department, Women's Club; Chairman, Publicity Committee, The Professional Woman's League; Vice-president, Des Moines Alumnae Chapter Alpha Xi Delta; Organization Committee, State Nonpartisan League of Nations National Organization.

PERSIS HANNAH BROWN

Lambda

It was comfortably understood by her family that after Persis Hannah graduated from Tuft's College in 1907 she would teach Latin in some eminently proper high school. This plan was shattered in her junior year when a series of thrilling articles depicting the life of a woman in journalism came into her hands and were read. Being passionately interested in seeing things happen, these articles convinced her that a journalistic career offered far greater inducements along that line than teaching ever would. She announced her decision to a disconcerted and disapproving family, for even so recently as 1907 teaching was the one supreme lady-like occupation and a woman reporter was an almost unknown oddity.

After graduation Persis Hannah resolutely declined several good openings as a teacher and succeeded in getting attached to a morning paper, *The Boston Journal*, where her hours were from 1. p. m. until the day's work was finished and that meant anytime from 9 o'clock in the evening to 1 a. m. While her experience did not prove up to the specifications of the luring articles she had read, it was still quite interesting.

Her active reporting covered only a few years but within that time she did articles dealing with subjects from woman's point of view; straight reporting which means fires, murders, lectures, trials and banquets reported as news without any viewpoint at all and also interviewed a number of prominent and famous people.

In 1911 Persis Hannah began writing for the George Matthew Adams Service which syndicates features to newspapers throughout the country. Her articles appear under the heading "Chit Chat" and are signed by the name of Ruth Cameron. As Ruth Cameron she became one of that development in American newspaper work which allows distressed people everywhere to take a trusted stranger into their confidence and receive through

the pages of their favorite paper the benefit of an unprejudiced viewpoint.

In writing of this work she says :

This work brings me into touch with thousands of people all over the United States and Canada. The letters I receive run the whole scale from the ridiculous to the tragic. It is surely a great opportunity to have people open up their hearts to you and give you a cross section of their innermost life. Then the letters of encouragement and praise that people write me are among my most precious possessions. It seems to me it is a pretty fine world when people who are under no obligation or compulsion whatever, will take the trouble to sit down and write a letter telling me that they like my little talks or that some word of mine has helped.

In 1912 Persis Hannah was married to Royal Brown, then city editor of the *Boston Journal*, the first paper for which she had worked. Mr. Brown is now a writer of short stories. The Browns spend their summers at their home, "Postscript House," at Humarock, Mass., and their winters wherever they chance to wish to be. Both are lovers of the out-doors and their leisure hours are filled with riding, swimming, skiing, snowshoeing, canoeing and long tramps.

HELEN CHASE BULGIN

Eta

After being graduated from Syracuse University in 1909 Helen Chase went to New York where she studied under Rafael Joseffy the eminent pianist and teacher. Later she became his assistant.

For the last twelve years Helen Chase has devoted herself to the profession of operatic coach in which she has won fame. She is associated in this work with Oscar Saenger and has been coach for the Edison Kinetophone Company; Arthur Hammerstein's *Firefly*; Reginald Dickenen's production of *Robin Hood* and *Rob Roy* and coach on tour with the *Gallo Opera Company* in which her late husband, Arthur Bulgin, was the leading baritone.

In each July Helen Chase is a guest teacher in the Chicago Musical College. She has acted also as accom-

panist to many artists in recital in New York's Aeolin Hall. However, her work at present consists chiefly of concert, oratorio and operatic repertoire for artists.



HELEN CHASE BULGIN, *Eta*

Arranging vaudeville acts for singers, even as to stage deportment, and concert programs entire have become her specialties. Her clientele includes many Metropolitan Opera House artists, among others being Kathleen Howard, Helena Marsh, Anna Case and Paul Althouse.

Helen Chase wrote a word of warning to all her sisters who are ambitious of artistic careers.

I have found that one draws too much on the emotional strings when any line of art is

pursued with the necessary impetus to become and remain a success in this day and age. Very few constitutions can stand the strain unless one spends their hours of leisure in a life which is a complete contrast to the "artistic trend."

I learned this through bitter experience and pass it on to those who may foolishly think they can drive continuously at music and not eventually have a complete breakdown. Every spare minute should be spent in diverting the mind—a hobby is a fine thing and then, when one returns to their routine, one is fresh and has more vibrant impressions to give an audience or pupils as the case may be.

EVELYN FARRAR SKINNER

Omicron

The earliest memories of Evelyn Farrar Skinner center about singing. Almost from the time she first remembers she has done choir work, and, at different times, has

been soloist in a number of choirs, including that of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

She was graduated from the University of California in 1918 and spent the following year in San Francisco. She then went to New York and shared that bitter experience common to so many ambitious music students who go to the great city—time wasted in the search for the right teacher. Just as discouragement had almost made her decide to return home she found a teacher under whom she made splendid progress and stayed on in New York to study.



Photo by Goldensky

EVELYN FARRAR SKINNER, *Omicron*

In the fall of 1920 she signed up as a member of the ensemble in *Mecca*, that spectacular production which held the interest of the entire country and had a long, successful run in New York. In the summer of 1921 Evelyn Farrar was married to Harold Otis Skinner, who was playing the villain in the same company. That fall they both went on the road with *Mecca* but instead of being in the ensemble, Mrs. Skinner was playing a small part and having the understudy. Then one of those unexpected incidents occurred which sometimes happen in the artistic world and Mrs. Skinner was singing the lead, an ingenue part.

With the death of her husband an interruption came to Mrs. Skinner's career. She has spent the last year quietly in Coronado, California, but now, June, 1923, her plans are again of New York and theater.

MAXINE DAVIS

Psi

When Maxine Davis was graduated in 1921 from the College of Journalism at Ohio State University, she at once put into practice a daring plan which she had formed



MAXINE DAVIS, Psi

for a newspaper syndicate of her own, The Women's National News Bureau. She visited a number of cities securing contracts from their leading newspapers for woman's activity story once a week.

Miss Davis then went to Washington, D. C., where she has been writing news from a woman's viewpoint. Of her initial work there she writes: "It was during the disarmament conference and I was

too thrilled to breathe. I sat across the table from H. G. Wells once, and talked to Wickham Steed, and everything that makes a very young correspondent think she is living on top of the earth."

Miss Davis' articles have discussed the tariff, the ship subsidy, the bonus, the world court and lesser political issues and what each means to the housewife and mother. Miss Davis is one of only five women members of the Press Gallery of Congress and the youngest woman who has ever been a member. She is accredited to the Press Gallery on the bureau of the *Detroit Free Press*.

Miss Davis' stories also cover the activities of women in organizations, politics, legislation and business.

In addition to her newspaper work Miss Davis edits a department in *Child Life*. Each month under the heading of *Little Artists* a brief biography of some famous person appears which is written for child reading and stresses the childhood of the person discussed.

Miss Davis' club memberships include: Women's National Press Association, American Association of University Women, Dill Pickle, Alpha Xi Delta.

RUTH SAWYER DURAND

Alpha Beta

The brightest memories of Ruth Sawyer's childhood cluster about the baking of Irish griddle bread with raisins in it and the telling of Irish faery tales on those occasions when she was allowed to have tea with her nurse. To the disgust of her three older and sophisticated brothers she tenanted every corner of the house with faery folk.

It is not surprising that the love of make-believe endured and when her years in one of Boston's private schools were ended, Ruth Sawyer took a course of normal training in kindergarten work at the Garland School. When that training was finished she spent some time in Cuba, helping to organize kindergartens there.

Upon her return from Cuba, she attended Columbia University, New York City, and while a student there became interested in story-telling. She began by giving her stories away to any one who would listen. She went into hospitals, day-nurseries, orphan asylums and settlements; she picked up children on trains, in parks and on the street. Very naturally the stories she liked best were faery tales—and of these the Celtic soon became her specialty. This was the time she found the need of going into Ireland to find the faeries for herself. When she had her art sufficiently mastered she began her professional story-telling under the auspices of the Public Lecture Bureau of the New York Board of Education.



RUTH SAWYER-DURAND AND HER SON, DAVID

Her first writing soon followed, as she adapted stories for her own use.

Ruth Sawyer is a successful writer of short stories, having published about one hundred in current magazines. In addition to her stories she has nine books, several sketches for vaudeville and two plays which have been produced to her credit. Her books are: *The Primrose Ring*; *Seven Miles to Arden*; *Herself, Himself and Myself*; *Leerie*; *The Silver Sixpence*; *The Child's Year Book*; *This Way to Christmas*; *Gladiola Murphy* and *The Tale of the Enchanted Bunnies*.

In them she champions the wonder side of life and is a bitter antagonist to the school of grim and sordid realism.

Speaking of herself, Ruth Sawyer, who is Mrs. A. C. Durand, says:

I am particularly interested in good books for children and have given considerable time to getting the best books read and circulated in this part of New York State. I am tremendously interested in story-telling and what it can do in recreational and welfare work, in the Americanization League and in libraries and reform schools.

I am one of the contributing editors for the *Woman Citizen* and feel very strongly that that is a paper every keen-minded woman should take. Way and ahead of all this I am interested in my children and giving them a simple, wholesome home atmosphere to grow up in. I am a very strong believer that every woman with a home and children should be interested in some big, constructive bit of work outside her home interests; but this does not mean a business or professional career. While the children are little I don't think one woman can do two things and do either of them well.

I have no hobbies except out-doors and I am passionately fond of good music and drama.

MARY M. KINNAVEY

Sigma

Mary M. Kinnavey, of Davenport, Iowa, was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan University, 1917, with an A.B. degree. The following year, 1918, she worked out her master's degree in Western American History. Then, by one of the chances which determine the life of individuals, instead of finding herself behind a teacher's

desk, she accepted a position on the staff of the *Davenport Democrat*. For three years she remained with it, doing feature articles. At this time she was also correspondent

for the *Musical Courier* of New York City.



MARY KINNAVEY, *Sigma*

In 1921 Miss Kinnavay came to Chicago to assume the management of the Women's National Journalistic Register. This register was an experiment without precedent and was established by Theta Sigma Phi, national professional fraternity for women in journalism. The register serves the public as well as members of Theta Sigma Phi. It places women in

journalistic positions in all parts of the country, being national in its scope as indicated by its name.

The register also investigates opportunities for women in journalism and this material is available to anyone who wishes to consult it. As a by-product of its investigations, the register is trying to learn the phases of journalism most popular with women.

Theta Sigma Phi attempts to choose for its college members girls who will later be professionally interested in journalism. It requires that a girl be recommended for excellence in journalistic work by the head of that department before she is eligible for membership. Miss Kinnavay was elected national president of Theta Sigma Phi in 1923.

In addition to her duties at the register, Miss Kin-

navey is a free lance in journalism. She writes feature stories regularly for the News Enterprise Association, a syndicate serving close to six hundred newspapers. Her most frequent themes are women's interests and sports. Miss Kinnavey is a pioneer as a woman sport writer for this is a field in which man is traditionally supreme. She has made a particular study of all types of sports and her accurate and interesting stories of games and meets and fights are helping to destroy one more prejudice against feminine work.

GRACE KINER

Alpha Gamma

To Grace Kiner, a junior at Coe College, while busy with test tubes and retorts working out a major in chemistry, came the startling revelation that neither pure nor real place in her life. What she wanted to do beyond everything else was to write.

College life is full of opportunities and the words for stunts, plays and toasts gave her facile pen much practice. She was class poet in 1923 and won the senior essay prize. A severer school than college taught her its lessons when, for a years she worked on the staff of the *Cedar Rapids Republican*, doing feature articles, many of which were copied in other papers. Articles by Miss Kiner treating of scientific topics have appeared in *Popular Science* and *Popular Mechanics*. In September, 1923, *Farm Life* carried a leading article from her pen.



GRACE KINER, *Alpha Gamma*

Pedagogical Pep, a book of helps for teachers, includes her article on "How to Teach Spelling."

Miss Kiner has made her own way through college and is planning to take her master's degree in literature, thus retrieving her mistaken chemistry hours. She plans to write of the girls of today whom she understands so thoroughly. She hopes to aid in dissipating the misunderstanding and prejudice which looks askance at the younger generation.

Of herself she says:

I believe I am a rather ordinary person. I love to read and like to dance and do most of the things that other girls do. I adore my fraternity and feel that it was through it that I had the courage to go on with my *Xi Delta*.

As for my dislikes, I hate intolerant people and receptions. I guess that is all.

MARION RYAN

Theta



MARION RYAN, *Theta*

Marion Ryan was born in Wausau, Wisconsin, and all her life has considered that her home. She attended the University of Wisconsin, being elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. She was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1906 and wrote and delivered the *Ivy Ode* at the class day exercises. She was the first woman ever elected to the Wisconsin Lit. board. In 1912 she received her

M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Following her graduation, Miss Ryan held a fellowship at the University of Missouri for one year and was for seven years an assistant professor in that university. During that time she helped to write and produce a pageant given by the Missouri State Historical Society in commemoration of Missouri's admission as a state.

For the last three years Miss Ryan has been a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin.

It is most interesting to note that from the time of her initiation into Alpha Xi Delta her name has frequently appeared in the journal, signed to verse both fanciful and thoughtful. In speaking of her recently published work, Miss Rose Waldo, editor of *Child Life*, classified it as "verging upon the remarkable."

In the group of her poems given here, *August* appeared first in a University of Wisconsin calendar in which Horatio Winslow and Berton Braley were also represented. *Caterpillar On The Wall* and *The Lily Queens* are among her poems which have appeared in *Child Life* and are reprinted by permission.

AUGUST

To lie amidst the grass and dream,
 Beneath a tree, beside a stream—
 Whose waters run the tall reeds through
 From sun-hot morn till evening dew;
 With half-closed eyes to seek the bird
 Whose drowsy twitter's scarcely heard,
 Or glimpse the August goldenrod
 In lazy langour dip and nod
 Beneath the weight of humble bee
 Is summer's joy enow for me.

CATERPILLAR ON THE WALL

Caterpillar on the wall,
 Fuzzy, furry yellow ball!

Don't I wish that I could spy
 You turning to a butterfly!

Will you be a yellow one,
Sparkling, golden, in the sun,

Or a dusky tan and brown,
Fluttering lightly up and down

In and out among the flowers
All the warm sweet summer hours?

Caterpillar, please don't go
Till you've told me how you grow.

THE LILY QUEENS

In one far corner of the yard
Tall purple lilies grow.
Some people call them iris flowers;
I call them queens, for oh!

They are exceeding straight and tall;
Like royal folk they seem.
I play they are fair princesses
Enchanted in a dream.

I think at night sometimes they walk
And wave their scepters bright,
And trail their purple robes all in
The garden's pale moonlight.

Then, as they walk, the other flowers
All bend quite low to them;
The hollyhocks, so stiff and tall,
Bow on each stately stem.

The roses gently send their pink
Sweet petals showering down
To make a carpet for each queen
In royal purple gown.

But when the sun comes peeping up
The lily queens must go
To their own garden spot and be
Just flowers in a row.

INDEX

- | | |
|--|---|
| A | |
| <p>Akron Alumnæ Chapter, work of 183</p> <p>Alliance Alumnæ Chapter, work of 170</p> <p>war work 311, 312, 318</p> <p>Alpha Chapter, group picture, 1902 28</p> <p>history of 34</p> <p>home 147</p> <p>honor ring members 294</p> <p>liberty bonds 328</p> <p>war work 329, 331</p> <p>Alpha Alpha Chapter, charter members 120</p> <p>history of 119</p> <p>Alpha Beta Chapter, charter members 122</p> <p>history of 121</p> <p>honor ring members 301</p> <p>Alpha Delta Chapter, charter members 127</p> <p>history of 128</p> <p>honor ring members 301</p> <p>war work 332</p> <p>Alpha Epsilon Chapter, charter members 130</p> <p>history of 128</p> <p>home 164</p> <p>honor ring members 301</p> <p>Alpha Eta Chapter, charter members 135</p> <p>history of 133</p> <p>honor ring members 302</p> <p>Alpha Gamma Chapter, charter members 125</p> <p>history of 124</p> <p>honor ring members 301</p> <p>liberty bonds 328</p> <p>Alpha Iota Chapter, charter members 140</p> <p>history of 139</p> <p>Alpha Kappa Chapter, charter members 142</p> <p>history of 143</p> <p>home 167</p> <p>Alpha Lambda Chapter, charter members 144</p> | <p>history of 145</p> <p>Alpha Theta Chapter, charter members 138</p> <p>history of 136</p> <p>honor ring members 302</p> <p>Alpha Xi Delta, gifts of 339</p> <p>incorporation of 200, 215, 219</p> <p>national customs 335</p> <p>national movement 27</p> <p>organization of 3</p> <p>Alpha Xi Delta, The</p> <p>files of 276, 288</p> <p>historical numbers 275, 279</p> <p>influence of World War</p> <p>on 277, 278</p> <p>legislation affecting 210, 214, 224, 230, 247</p> <p>life subscriptions to 275, 278</p> <p>official cover 275</p> <p>provision for 271</p> <p>publication of 275</p> <p>staff picture, 1904-05 272</p> <p>Alpha Zeta Chapter, charter members 132</p> <p>history of 131</p> <p>home 165</p> <p>honor ring members 301</p> <p>Alumnæ, classification of 169, 249</p> <p>hospital work 170</p> <p>Alumnæ adviser, duties of 204</p> <p>Alumnæ organization, provision for 168</p> <p>convention hostesses 170</p> <p>hospital work 170</p> <p>legislation affecting 222, 224</p> <p>meetings of 169</p> <p>national 189, 224</p> <p>officering of 168</p> <p>organizer, work of 189</p> <p>Andrus, Calla A., work of 250</p> <p>Armstrong, Ethel Hoskins, work of 244, 278</p> <p>Arnold, Ethelyn, work of 250</p> <p>Atkeson, Mary Meek, life sketch 368</p> <p>portrait 369</p> <p>work of 223, 226, 275, 276</p> <p>Atkins, Lida Jones, work of 244, 250</p> |

B

Badge, custodian of	195
description of	194
first design of	194
first jewelled	195
standardization of..195, 226,	243
Ball, Ellen, life sketch	352
portrait	352
work of	
.. 219, 222, 226, 231, 236,	240
Banner, adoption of ..197, 222,	226
Behlow, Ruth Stark, war	
work	320, 322
Bell, Rosalie Retz, work of...	231
portrait	230
Beta Chapter, group picture,	
1904	36
history of	35
honor ring members	294
installation of	31
Blagbrough, Audrey Duffey,	
work of	240
portrait	238
Blanchard, Phyllis, life sketch	370
Book and Scroll	97
portrait	371
Block, Cora Bollinger, life	
sketch	8
portraits	9, 29
war work	327
Bolton, Mary Salmon, work of	
..... 212, 214,	273
Boston Alumnæ Chapter, or-	
ganization of	67
war work	311
work of	171
Bradford, Edith, work of....	
..... 231, 236,	276
portrait	277
Brinkman, Edna Epperson, life	
sketch	349
portrait	350
work of	212
Brooks, Miriam Woolson, life	
sketch	371
Brown, Persis Hannah, life	
sketch	373
Bruce, Ethel Baldwin, portrait	242
war work	317
work of	54, 244, 278
Bruner, Alice Bartlett, life	
sketch	21
portrait	21-22
work of	30
Budget system	237
Bulgin, Helen Chase, life sketch	375
portrait	376

C

Canton Alumnæ Chapter, pe-	
tition of	189
Cason, Clara Salmer, work of.	219
Cedar Rapids Alumnæ Chapter,	
organization of	189
Champaign-Urbana Alumnæ	
Chapter, work of.....	184
Chase, Iva Baker, work of....	250
Cheer, explanation of.....	198
Cheney, Almira, life sketch...	17
portrait	17-18
Cheney, Frances, life sketch..	14
portrait	16
Chi Chapter, charter members.	110
history of	109
home	162
honor ring members.....	301
liberty bonds	328, 329
war work	331
Chicago Alumnæ Chapter, war	
work	311, 332
work of	189
Chicago Collegiate Bureau of	
Occupation	230
Cleveland Alumnæ Chapter,	
work of	184
Coat-of-arms, adoption of..197,	213
description of	196
Columbus Alumnæ Chapter,	
work of	183
College chapters, membership.	200
national requirements of 205,	230
College members, duties of 206,	234
Colors, customs.....	335
gold added	197
original	197
Combe, Myrtle Coker, life	
sketch	363
portrait	364
work of	244, 250
Committees, national	
.....201, 217, 224,	248
Countway, Gussanda, portrait.	222
war work	320
work of	222, 226
Constitution, first adopted....	27
national adoption	210
national committee	29
Crane, Frances, work of...136,	250
Cunningham, Mabel Bracher,	
work of	214

D

Davis, Bertha, war work.....	322
Davis, Maxine, life sketch....	378
portrait	378

Delta Chapter, charter members 45
 history of 42
 home 150, 43
 honor ring members..... 295
 liberty bonds 328, 329
 war work 329, 330, 331
 Detroit Alumnæ Chapter, work of 186
 Des Moines Alumnæ Chapter, work of 180
 Directory, publication of... 248, 280
 Dolbear, Alice Cotton, war work 318
 Dunning, Esther, chapter by.. 168
 portrait 287
 work of 288
 Durand, Ruth Sawyer, life sketch 379
 portrait 380

E

Endowment Fund, National.. 205
 Engagements, announcements of 337
 Epsilon Chapter, charter members 47
 history of 46
 honor ring members..... 295
 liberty bonds 328, 329
 war work 329, 330, 331
 Eta Chapter, charter members 53
 history of 52
 home 153
 honor ring members..... 295
 liberty bonds 328, 329
 war work 329, 330, 332
 European trip 303
 Evans, Bertha Cook, life sketch 25
 portrait 25, 26
 Everton, Eliza Curtis, life sketch 11
 portrait 12
 war work 321
 Examinations, fraternity 207
 adoption of 217
 consideration of 210
 development of 268
 subject matter 226, 231
 Executive secretary, national, duties of 202, 237

F

Falloon, Fern, chapter by.... 309
 portrait 287
 work of 89, 288

Fargo, Martha, work of..... 226, 231, 236, 275
 honor ring committee..... 293
 Fletcher, Edith Miller, work of 344
 Fenton, Polly, life sketch.... 357
 portrait 358
 work of... 226, 231, 236, 240, 275
 work in N. P. C. 260
 Ferris, Margaret, chapter by.. 303
 portrait 287
 work of 288
 Foster, Julia Maude, life sketch 22
 portrait 23
 war work 324
 Founders' Day service..... 236

G

Galesburg Alumnæ Chapter, war work 311, 312
 work of 186
 Gamma Chapter, group picture, 1904 40
 history of 39
 home 148
 honor ring members..... 294
 installation of 32
 liberty bonds 328
 war work 329
 Gilmer, Lucy, life sketch..... 14
 portrait 14
 Gilmour, Gertrude Wright, work of 217, 220, 273, 274
 Gladish, Madeline Woodworth, work of 244, 250
 Grand Committee, first, group picture 31
 meeting of 31
 Grande-Maitre, Blanche, war work 316
 work of 71, 72

H

Handbook 248
 Hartzell, Mabel, war work.... 320
 work of 214, 273
 Haskell, Ruth Sibley, life sketch 353
 portrait 355
 war work 320
 work of 222, 226, 231, 236
 Hendershot, Heloise, war work 321
 Heustis, Alice Cummings, work of 231
 Hines, Josephine, war work... 318
 History, legislation affecting 222, 229

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| preparation for | 286 | honor ring committee | 293 |
| publication of | 288 | life sketch | 353 |
| Holen, Theda Shaw, work of.. | 250 | pledge pin committee | 196 |
| Honor ring, adoption of..... | 224 | portrait | 354 |
| history of | 293 | war work | 320 |
| legislation affecting234, | 238 | work of | |
| member list | 294 | 210, 212, 214, 217, 219, 222, 271 | |
| Hospital work | 170 | Kimble, Anna Gillis, life | |
| adoption of | 243 | sketch | 348 |
| Akron A. C. | 183 | N. P. C. delegate.....213, | 256 |
| Detroit A. C. | 186 | portrait | 349 |
| Galesburg A. C. | 186 | war work | 319 |
| Lincoln A. C. | 185 | work of.....30, 208, 210, | 212 |
| Madison A. C. | 186 | Kiner, Grace, life sketch..... | 383 |
| Milwaukee A. C. | 186 | portrait | 383 |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul A. C. .. | 174 | Kinnavey, Mary, convention | |
| New York A. C. | 176 | report | 244 |
| Seattle A. C. | 172 | life sketch | 381 |
| Tacoma A. C. | 185 | portrait | 382 |
| House fund, national, estab- | | Kinsey, Wilhelmina Slaymaker, | |
| lished | 146, 224 | work of | 250 |
| Howard, Hilda, reconstruction | | Knote, Anna Miller, life sketch | 361 |
| work | 327 | portrait | 361 |
| Humeston, Genevieve, war work | 317 | work in N. P. C. | 264 |
| | | work of | |
| | | 226, 231, 236, 240, 243, 250, | 278 |
| | | Koenig, Clara, work of..... | 250 |
| I | | | |
| Indianapolis Alumnæ Chapter, | | L | |
| organization of | 189 | Lambda Chapter, campus | |
| Iota Chapter, charter members | 60 | scenes | 70 |
| history of | 59 | charter members | 68 |
| honor ring members | 297 | history of | 67 |
| liberty bonds | 328, 329 | honor ring members | 297 |
| war work | 329 | liberty bonds | 328, 329 |
| Iowa City Alumnæ Chapter, | | war work | 330, 331, 332 |
| work of | 185 | Laurence, Edith, work of..220, | 274 |
| J | | Leach, Marjorie Henry, work | |
| Jewel, official | 4, 195 | of | 318 |
| Johnson, M. Olive, life sketch. | 363 | Leib, Ella Boston, life sketch. | 351 |
| portrait | 362 | portrait | 351 |
| war work | 317, 332 | work of | 214, 217, 219 |
| work of | 243, 250 | work in N. P. C. | 257 |
| Jurgensohn, Eva, war work... | 322 | Leonard, Ida Fenton, work of | |
| K | | | 277, 293 |
| Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter, | | Lexington Alumnæ Chapter, | |
| war work | 311, 312 | work of | 81, 186 |
| work of | 181 | Liberty bonds.....313, 323, | 328 |
| Kappa Chapter, charter mem- | | Lincoln Alumnæ Chapter, work | |
| bers | 64 | of | 185 |
| history of | 63 | Lockwood, Dora, work of..... | |
| home | 65 |217, 220, 273, | 275 |
| honor ring members | 297 | Lombard College, founding of | 1 |
| recognition pin committee.. | 196 | Los Angeles Alumnæ Chapter, | |
| Kay, Mary Emily, European | | war work | 311 |
| trip | 303 | work of | 185 |
| Gamma house fund | 171 | Lynn, Helen Willis, portrait.. | 287 |

- war work325, 326
work of244, 250, 278, 288
- M
- MacNamee, Hazel Duffey,
work of240, 278
Madison Alumnæ Chapter,
war work311, 332
work of 186
Mahoning Valley Alumnæ Chap-
ter, organization of..... 188
Maiken, Louise Singer, work of 212
Mansfield, Grace, war work... 323
McCollum, Harriet Luella, life
sketch 6
portrait 7
Kansas City 182
vision of 2
McKean, Martha Hutchings,
portrait 274
work of217, 220, 273
Memorial Service 236
Mercer, Hazel, work of.....
.....240, 244, 250, 278
Miami Alumnæ Chapter, peti-
tion of 189
Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter,
work of 186
Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnæ
Chapter, work of..... 174
war work311, 313, 332
Mitchell, Axie Lute, portrait.. 210
work of210, 212, 271
Mix, Irene Raine, work of..244, 278
Mt. Pleasant Alumnæ Chapter,
war work 311
work of 184
Mourning 335
Mu Chapter, charter members 73
history of 71
home 156
honor ring members 297
liberty bonds 328
war work329, 330, 332
Murchison, Kathleen, work of
..... 244, 250
- N
- National chapter, powers of.. 200
National Conventions, chrono-
logical table 211
fund 213
1903 208
group picture 209
social side 212
1904 215
social side 214
1905 215
group picture 216
social side 217
1907 218
social side 220
1909 221
social side 223
1911 223
group picture 225
social side 227
1913 227
group picture 228
social side 231
1915 232
masquerade group 233
social side 236
1918 237
social side 240
1920 241
group picture 245
social side 244
1922 246
group picture 251
social side 250
National Council, powers of 202, 219
National movement 28
National officers, terms of.... 344
National Panhellenic Congress
chronological table 255
convention action213, 229
creed 265
history of 253
Standards of Ethical Con-
duct 265
Newman, Lucile Thornton, war
work 316
work of240, 244, 250
New York Alumnæ Chapter,
work of 176
Nu Chapter, charter members. 75
history of 74
honor ring members 297
liberty bonds 328
war work329, 330, 331
- O
- Omaha Alumnæ Chapter, work
of 185
Omega Chapter, charter mem-
bers 116
history of 115
honor ring members 301
liberty bonds328, 329
Omicron Chapter, charter mem-
bers 83
history of 81
home 158

- honor ring members 299
 liberty bonds328, 329
 war work331, 332
- P
- Panhellenic Creed 264
 Panhellenic House, Akron, Ohio 184
 Patterson, Bertha Cleveland,
 work of217, 219, 273
 Perkins, Frances, reconstruc-
 tion work 327
 Phi Chapter, charter members 108
 history of 105
 home 161
 honor ring members 299
 liberty bonds 329
 war work 331
 Phillips, Grace Spencer, work
 of240, 278
 Pi Chapter, chapter hall..... 87
 charter members 88
 history of 85
 honor ring members 299
 liberty bonds328, 329
 war work329, 330
 Pierce, Margaret Curtis, work
 of 214
 Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter,
 war work 311
 work of 187
 Pledge, meetings 206
 national requirements 206
 pins195, 196, 213
 Poland, Genevieve, war work.. 318
 Power, Mary A., work of.....
 214, 217, 344
 Province president, duties of 204
 Province vice-president, duties
 of 204
 Psi Chapter, charter members 114
 history of 113
 honor ring members 301
 liberty bonds328, 329
 war work329, 330, 331
 Purcell, Hazel, war work..... 318
- Q
- Quill, The 231, 280
- R
- Rayne, Mary, life sketch..... 357
 portrait 359
 war work 321
 work of.....226, 231, 236, 275
 Recognition pin, description of 196
 Rho Chapter, charter members 92
 history of 91
 honor ring members 299
- liberty bonds328, 329
 war work329, 337
 Ripley, Elsie Waddingham, war
 work 318
 Robinson, Winnafred Corwin,
 war work 326
 work of 250
 Rose, adoption of 197
 Runge, Lulu, life sketch..... 367
 portrait 366
 work of244, 250
 Ryan, Marion, life sketch..... 384
 portrait 384
 St. Louis Alumnae Chapter,
 work of 188
 San Francisco Alumnae Chap-
 ter, Christmas bazaar.... 85
 war work311, 312, 313, 332
 work of 177
 Scholarship Fund, established
 230, 241, 247
 history of 290
 Seal, adoption of 198
 Seattle Alumnae Chapter, war
 work311, 312
 work of 172
 Shepard, Bertha, work of.... 236
 Sigma Chapter, charter mem-
 bers 94
 history of 93
 home 160
 honor ring members 299
 liberty bonds328, 329
 war work329, 330
 Skinner, Evelyn Farrar, life
 sketch 376
 portrait 377
 Sleight, Esther, service pictures 315
 war work 316
 Songs, national249, 285
 customs 284
 early writing of282, 283
 Songbook, legislation affecting
 210, 217, 229
 publication of 282
 sale of 284
 Sorority Hand Book..... 219
 Springfield Alumnae Chapter,
 war work311, 312
 work of 184
 Stamp, Katherine Keith, work
 of223, 274
 State Associations, alumnae... 168
 Stevens, Myrtle Jones, life
 sketch 365
 portrait 365
 work of244, 250

Sweet, Lorena Grange, work of 217
 Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter, war
 work 311
 work of 187

T

Tacoma Alumnæ Chapter, work
 of 185
 Tau Chapter, charter members 98
 history of 97
 honor ring members 299
 liberty bonds 328, 329
 war work 331
 Taylor, Louie Strong, life
 sketch 19
 portrait 19
 Theta Chapter, charter mem-
 bers 57
 history of 56
 home 154
 honor ring members 295
 liberty bonds 328, 329
 war work 330, 331, 332
 Treasurer, national duties of.. 205
 Tucker, Mildred, work of....
 214, 273, 344

U

Upsilon Chapter, charter mem-
 bers 101
 history of 100
 honor ring members 299
 war work 330

V

Van Camp, Maude Andrew,
 work of 212

Venable, Mary Kinhead, war
 work 317
 Vice-president, national, duties
 of 202
 Visitor, national, duties of 202, 229

W

Wall, Ella Lillian, portrait... 313
 war work 314
 Wallis, Anna, banner..197, 222, 226
 war work317, 320
 Whistle, selection of..... 198
 Williamson, Bess, life sketch 359
 portrait 360
 work of236, 240
 Women's Committee, Council
 of National Defense..310, 322
 Wurdeman, Helen, work of 250, 321

X

Xi Chapter, banner committee 198
 charter members 79
 history of 78
 honor ring members 297
 war work 332

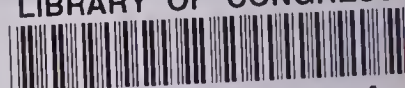
Y

Young, Dixie, work of 250

Z

Zeta Chapter, charter members 50
 history of 49
 home 151
 honor ring members 295
 liberty bonds328, 329
 war work329, 330

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



0 020 133 551 6